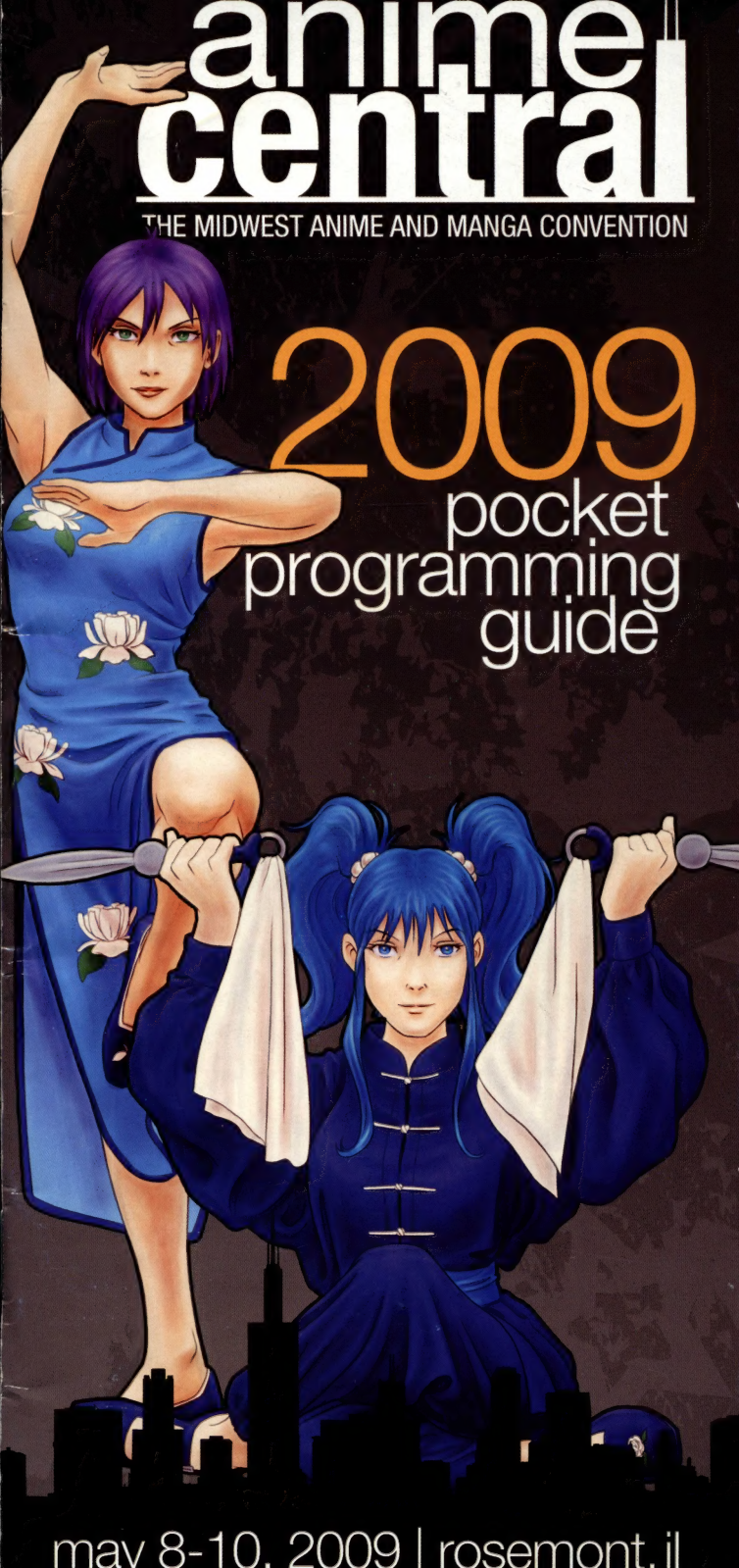


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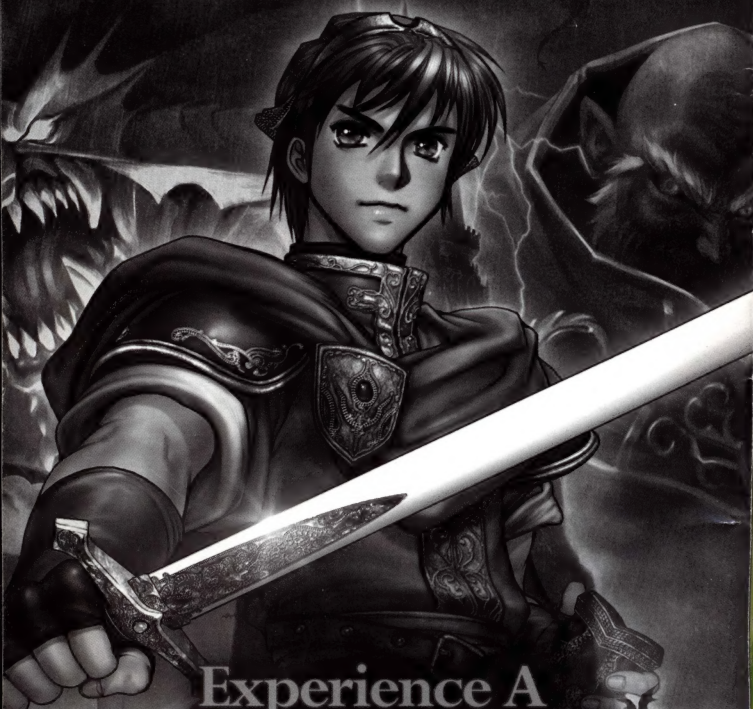
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masquerade office

Location: D.F.W. B

Hours:

Friday: 12 pm - 4 pm — Check-in/Sign-up

6 pm - 9 pm — Skit Review

9 pm - 10 pm — Last Minute Friday Check-In

Saturday: 8am - 12 pm — Skit Review/Sign-in/Check-in

12 pm — Doors Close

Sunday: 10am - 12 pm — Masquerade/Hallway Cosplay Gripe Session

hallway cosplay competition office

Location: D.F.W. A

Hours:

Friday: 2:30 pm - 4 pm

6 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturday: 11am - 1 pm

2 pm - 4 pm

cosplay meetups

Please note: Animecentral does not organize these gatherings. These times and places are provided as a courtesy; ACen has no control over these gatherings and staff can provide no further information. Please plan accordingly.

Friday:

11am — Higurashi No Naku Koro Ni/Umineko No Naku Koro Ni - Garden (Rain backup: East Indoor Wall)

11:30am — Pandora Hearts - Garden (Rain backup - Dome)

12pm — Fairy Tail - Garden (Rain backup - Dome)

1pm — Bleach - Loading Docks
Gravitation - East Indoor Wall

2pm — Classic Nintendo/Smash Bros. - Tree patch (Rain backup: Dome)

Katekyo Hitman Reborn - Loading docks (Rain backup: Dome)

3pm — Capcom vs SNK - Tree patch (Rain backup: Dome)

Gundam — Garden (Rain backup: East Indoor Wall)

Naruto - Outside East Wall (Rain backup: Dome)

4pm — ShinRa Reunion - Main Lobby meetup.

5pm — Black Lagoon - Garden

D.Gray-man - Loading Docks (Rain backup: Dome)

5:30pm — Resident Evil - Inside Con Center doors, will migrate elsewhere

6pm — Axis Powers Hetalia - Loading docks (Rain backup: Convention Center)

Death Note - East Outside Wall

Phoenix Wright - Garden

Pokemon - Tree Patch (Rain backup: East inside wall)

6:30pm — Chrono Cross/Trigger

7pm — .Hack// - Garden

Doctor Who/Torchwood - Dome

Shin Megami Tensei/Persona - East Outdoor Wall (Rain backup: Dome)

8pm — Vampire Knight - Dome

9pm — 10pm — Blood+ - Dome stairs

Saturday:

10am — Hellsing - Dome

Yu Yu Hakasho - Garden

10:30am — Cowboy Bebop - East Indoor Wall

11am — Miyazaki - East Outside Wall/may move to forest preserve
The World Ends With You - Garden (Rain backup: Convention Center)

12pm — Air Gear - Hotel Front, migrate elsewhere (Rain backup: Convention Center)

Code Geass - East Outside Wall (Rain backup: Dome)

Doctor Who/Torchwood - Garden

Kingdom Hearts - Tree patch (Rain backup: Convention Center)

1pm — Bleach - Loading Docks

Final Fantasy complete - Tree Patch (Rain backup: Convention Center)

Valve/Orange Box/TF2 - Dome

Zelda - Meeting outside the Hyatt doors in the front parking alcove just in front of valet parking

2pm — Death Note - Loading Docks (Rain backup: Convention Center)

Devil May Cry - Hyatt front doors

Guilty Gear - Dome

Katekyo Hitman Reborn - East Inside Wall

One Piece - Tree Patch (Rain backup: Dome)

Tales of.. series - Garden (Rain backup: Dome)

Tsubasa - East Outside Area

3pm — Avatar - Tree patch

D.Gray-man - Loading Docks (Rain backup: Dome)

Fruits Basket - Garden (Rain backup: 1st floor elevators, will flock elsewhere)

Naruto - Outside East Wall (Rain backup: Dome)

3:30pm — Gundam — Garden (Rain backup: East Indoor Wall)

Metal Gear - Loading Docks

4pm —Gurren Lagann - Tree Patch
 Rozen Maiden - Meeting outside front doors, migrating to Garden.
 Soul Eater - Loading Docks

4:30pm —Gigantor Group Caramelldansen - East Outside Wall (Rain backup: Dome)

5pm —Okami - Meeting at front doors, migrating to Garden.

5:30pm —Resident Evil - Inside Con Center doors, will migrate elsewhere.

6pm —Kuroshitsuji - East Indoor Wall

7pm —Repo! The Genetic Opera - Garden (Rain backup: East Indoor Wall)

Sunday:

10am —Zombie Powder - Garden fountain

11am —Digimon - Dome
 EGL - Garden fountain

12pm —Loveless - Garden
 Yu-Gi-Oh - Tree patch (Rain backup: East Inside Wall)

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main programming schedule

friday

Opening Ceremonies

12:00 - 2:00pm

An official welcome to the convention. Come help us ring in the 12th year of ACen!

Khaotic Kouture

12:00 - 2:00pm

This show will highlight several different styles of Japanese fashion. Learn more about this fascinating aspect of Japanese culture. Example styles include Lolita, Visual Kei, Decora, and even Steampunk. **Special guest appearance!**

Concerts

7:00 till 7:50 Slants

8:10 till 9:00 M.O.V.E.

Anime Hell

Friday 12:00 - 2:00pm

Anime Hell has to be seen to be believed! A free-form video presentation incorporating many different video sources, some anime, some not. Everything from failed pilots and commercials to music videos and film trailers are involved.

Midnight Madness

12:00 - 2:00pm

Brain-melting, side-splitting fan-made parody. It's a night of twisted mockery of every anime cliché imaginable, and a few you didn't want to think about. You'll laugh until the dawn!

saturday

Concerts Block!

1:00 - 3:30pm

Masquerade

Saturday: 6:00 - 9:30pm

The greatest combination of hilarious skits and stunning cosplay to grace a stage since... well... last year. Not to be missed by cosplay fans!

Soap Bubble

Saturday: 10:00 - 3:30am

Our collection of guest DJs will once again churn out one of the biggest dance nights in the Midwest! The Soap Bubble is the place to be Saturday night.

sunday

Spoony Bards

11:00 - 12:00pm

AMV Awards Show

12:30 - 2:30pm

Come see the winners of the Anime Music Video competition receive their awards.

Closing Ceremonies

3:00 - 4:00pm

The convention ends with closing ceremonies marking the official end of Anime Central 2009.

special events schedule

Tokusatsu Hell: The Revenge!

Time & Location: Saturday, 8:30 - 10:00pm, United A/B

Anime, Anime, Anime! What about the latent Tokusatsu fanboys/girls out there?! Don't you deserve an awesome panel/event all your own? An all encompassing event on par with even the deadliest installments of AMV Hell? To that end, R5 Central's Mike Dent and the one and only Card Captor Will give you...TOKUSATSU HELL! Super Sentai! Kamen Rider! Ultraman! If it involves spandex or rubber suits and explosions, it will be featured in this maniacal showcase that won over the crowds at Otakon 2008! Don't miss it!

Otaku Quest

Time & Location: Friday, 10:00pm - 11:00pm, DaVinci, Saturday, 10:00pm - 11:00pm, DaVinci, Sunday, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, United A/B

Ten teams of Otaku will spend the weekend searching the con for amusing videos! The Otaku Quest teams will have to convince fellow congers to comply with crazy requests on camera, and maybe even do some crazy things themselves! Whichever team can find and capture the most humorous and creative videos wins! They'll be trying to find everything, from a Ninja and a Pirate having a dance off, to someone rapping the Pokérap from memory, to an Edward Elric cosplayer drinking a glass of milk!

Cosplay Chess

Time & Location: Friday, 10:00 - 12:00pm, Signature A/B, (Doubletree)

Take a chess board. Add some chess players guiding the chess pieces' moves. Now, liberally sprinkle with AWESOME cosplay, a great MC, and a plan for world domination. Who knows, what could happen? YOU can find out!

Masquerade Ball Icebreaker - How To Be Social

Time & Location: Friday, 4:00 - 5:30pm, Embassy Suites

Is this your first time at Anime Central? Did you ever want to meet new friends and have fun doing it? Join Will English and friends as we demonstrate how to 'break the ice' and develop a network of really awesome friends!

The 4th Annual Masquerade Ball

Time & Location: Friday, 7:00 - 11:00pm, Embassy Suites

Join us for another year of magic and elegance as we host the Masquerade ball for its 4th year. Enjoy a night of music, elegant ladies, handsome men, and dancing. This is a chance to break out old formal wear and wear it for an evening or show off a formal cosplay. There will be a dance lesson from 7:00 - 8:00pm, and live music performed by the Spoony Bards! (This event is sold out. Tickets will not be available at the convention Attendees who have pre-purchased tickets can pick them up at the event with badge and id.)

guest panel schedule

friday

An Introduction to the Animation Process

Time & Location: 2pm Rosemont B

Animation is a lot of work. Fred Perry from Antarctic Press is here to explain the basics about the animation process and how to get started making your own home brewed works.

Robotech

Time & Location: 2pm Rosemont C

How did Steve Yun go from watching Macross and Robotech and hacking to having fansites dedicated to his fandom work after college? I don't know. But Steve, webmaster of Robotech.com and co-producer of works such as the Robotech: Invasion video game surely knows. He is a pretty nice guy too. So go to his panel.

Aoi Kidokoro Q&A

Time & Location: 2pm-3pm Malpensa

Budding Manga artist, Aoi Kidokoro has gotten some attention in Japan, including the major publication Lala Magazine. She has dabbled in just about any medium she has at her disposal, so if you are curious about the process of manga publication in Japan or art in general, Aoi will be eager to take your questions.

Ouran Voice Actors:

Time & Location: 2pm Signature (Doubletree)

One of the most popular series of the decade has one of the most popular and recognizable English language casts. Ask Caitlin, Vic and Colleen any questions about the show or about voice acting in general.

Q&A with Chiaki Takahashi

Time & Location: 3pm Rosemont A

Meet Chiaki Takahashi in her first American anime convention appearance. Ask her about her roles and experiences as a voice actress in Japan. Takahashi-san is looking forward to meeting the American fans in Chicago, so please give her a big welcome.

ComicFeast: the Future of Comics

Time & Location: 3pm Rosemont C

An introduction to ComicFeast, a business venture I'm heading up that plans to be the itunes of comics and manga.

Studio Capsule

Time & Location: 3pm Narita

Bob and Emily DeJesus will sit down and discuss the past, current and future projects of Studio Capsule and field any questions attendees may have about living as independent artists or about their experiences at anime conventions. Be sure to visit them in the exhibit hall over the weekend to see their works firsthand.

So You Wanna Learn How to Be a DJ

Time & Location: 3pm Signature (Doubletree)

What does it take to be a DJ? Join a number of our professional DJs in a discussion about their profession. How to get started, what skills are necessary to become good at it and most importantly, how to get the audience to move with you. After the panel, make sure to see them in action during the underground groove.

Voice Acting: Japanese vs. American Methods

Time & Location: 4pm Rosemont A

Wonder how the anime voice acting process differs from the original Japanese recording and the American dubbing? Join American Voice Actresses Caitlin Glass, Colleen Clinkenbeard and Japanese Voice Actress Chiaki Takahashi as they discuss the similarities and differences between the countries.

Manga Publication

Time & Location: 4pm Rosemont C

Manga is at the very heart of anime culture, as near and dear to our otaku souls as anything else Japan has ever given us. Most of us read them but not every knows what it takes to put them together. Attend this panel if you've ever been curious about what goes into producing and publishing a manga title. Specific examples will be given and a question and answer session will follow the main presentation.

Directing Television Anime

Time & Location: 5pm Rosemont A

Ever been curious what goes into getting an anime ready for TV? Ever wondered what a director does on an anime 'set'? Attending this panel will answer those questions and more. Learn the ins and outs of anime direction and the television process from Shinichi Watanabe (Nabeshin). Someone has to be in charge on the set; find out if you've got what it takes.

Caitlin Glass Q&A

Time & Location: 5pm-6pm Rosemont B

Caitlin Glass is a voice actor, singer and even a director for FUNimation. What doesn't this super-girl do that you haven't dreamed of doing yourself? Or maybe you want to talk with her about Fullmetal Alchemist, Ouran High School Host Club, or any of the dozens of anime shows she has done. Whatever the reason, Caitlin's panel is a must-see panel.

Making Comics and Manga

Time & Location: 5pm Rosemont C

Josh Elder and Russ Lissau: One's the winner of the Rising Stars of Manga 2005 contest. The other writes stories for Ronin Press. They're cops... No, wait. They're comics writers! Come hear two voices in the industry discuss the process of making comics and manga from drawing and inking to page layouts and all the other steps before it goes to print!

Visit Japan / JET

Time & Location: 5:30pm-6:30pm DaVinci

Did you know the Japanese government seeks to introduce foreigners to their country by immersing them in it? The Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) program sets you up in Japan (no language ability required) in exchange for work as an instructor or translator. Visit the panel to find out more.

J-Core Panel

Time & Location: 6pm-7pm Rosemont B

With prolific artists in the Japanese Hardcore scene visiting ACen for the 3rd year in a row, and the Friday night **HARDCORE SYNERGY** party in its second year, come learn about the history of J-Core. Find out exactly what is considered J-Core, learn about doujin music, understand the release structure and find out more about this genre that is rapidly gaining in popularity amongst electronic music fans worldwide

Stage versus Voice Acting

Time & Location: 6pm Signature (Doubletree)

Join several of our VAs as they discuss the similarities and differences between their work in a recording studio and their experiences on the stage. Come and ask them what each is like and the techniques they use.

Catfight! Discussion of Girls of Anime

Time & Location: 7pm-8pm Rosemont C

I have as much of an idea as you do. But it has a catchy title and Steve Yun is pretty awesome. You should go. Tell him I said hi.

Beyond the Microphone Booth: ADR Direction

Time & Location: 7:30pm-8:30pm United

Voice Actors get all the credit or blame in the dubbing process. Join ADR Directors Colleen Clinkenbeard and Matt Greenfield as they discuss the direction process and how they work to make sure that the voice you hear is the best possible, line for line. A must see for anybody who wonders about what goes on behind the scenes and beyond the microphone.

Writing Techniques for Fiction

Time & Location: 8pm Malpensa

They say everyone has a best-selling novel inside them. This panel aims to help you bring it out into the light so that your story can be told. By providing direct, common sense techniques aimed more at how to write than what to write, you should come away from the session with a toolbox of methods. These will help you start your novel project and, more importantly, keep writing until it is complete.

A Matter of Style: Eastern versus Western Comics

Time & Location: Friday 8:30pm Rosemont C

Back by popular demand, artist guests of honor Josh Elder, Russel Lissau and Misako Rocks will discuss the differences and similarities of American comics/graphic novels and manga. Will include art and narrative styles as well as how the genres influence one another.

My Life as Lord Zedd

Time & Location: 8:30-9:30pm Narita

Robert Axelrod gives us his story behind the microphone and on camera, including his most famous role as the villainous Lord Zedd. Panel will follow with a Q&A session.

Drawing Manga with Misako Rocks

Time & Location: 9pm Rosemont A

Misako Rocks has been drawing manga since she was 13, and she's been published in *The Onion*, *Elle Girl* and *The New York Times*. Come learn drawing manga from this award-winning artist!

Making a Webcomic

Time & Location: 9pm Rosemont A

Millions of people spend many more millions of hours surfing through the web, reading their favorite comics day after day. An in-depth demonstration of the art of webcomics from concept to code by the creators of *Machall* and *3 Panel Soul*, this panel can help you launch your own rapid, digital following. Bring your imagination; everything else is provided.

Cosplay in Japan

Time & Location: 9:30pm-10:30pm Rosemont C

Aoi Kidokoro is cool enough for being a manga artist with expertise in a number of art skills (catching the eyes of *Lala* magazine) but she is a fangirl just like you. She's come to talk about cosplaying, art and life in Japan. I wonder what costume she's wearing today.

Yamila Abraham talks Talks Graphic Novel Writing

Time & Location: 9:30pm Narita

Come hear Yaoi Press's founder Yamila Abraham discuss graphic novel writing! You don't want to miss out on the author of *Winter Demon* and *Dark Prince* as she discusses her craft!

Slants Q&A

Time & Location: 10pm Rosemont A

An open, candid question and answer session where the band members of *The Slants* can share tour stories, talk about upcoming projects, and spend time with attendees.

Behind The Black Bar 18+

Time & Location: Friday 10:30pm-11:30pm Rosemont B

For many decades, Japanese media has been under a shroud of censorship when it comes to public sexuality. We'll discuss the present state of censorship and how many Japanese artists and directors are getting away from the black bar and the risks they must take to freely express their artistic minds.

Tales of Con Horror 18+

Time & Location: 10:30pm, Rosemont C

Long-time industry con-goers relive some of their weirdest, wildest and funniest con moments.

M.O.V.E Post Concert Q&A

Time & Location: 11pm Rosemont A

Excited by the concert? Want to find out about the amazingly hot band? Come to the M.O.V.E. post concert Q&A, and learn more about your favorite musicians!

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Music Composition

Time & Location: 9am Rosemont B

Our music guests of honor will join forces to discuss music composition. If you were ever curious about what it takes to write a song and bring it to life, listen to our guests relay their approaches and tips to making a really great song.

Bishonen Unite: Vic Mignogna & Mark Hildreth

Time & Location: 10am Rosemont B

Having voiced two of the most iconic anime pretty boys with Edward Elric and Heero Yuy, Vic and Mark will field questions about their careers in voice acting and music.

Anime Style Art in America

Time & Location: 12pm-1pm Narita

If you've been to conventions any number of times, the names of Bob and Emily DeJesus should ring a bell. They've been making and selling Anime style art in America for longer than most American artists. Listen to their experiences in the field and how the style has expanded stateside in recent years.

ADV Films/Switchblade Pictures

Time & Location: 12:30pm Rosemont A

Find out the latest news from ADV and Switchblade!

Bemaniestyle.com

Time & Location: 1pm-2pm Rosemont B

With prolific artists in the Japanese Hardcore scene visiting ACen for the 3rd year in a row, and the Friday night **HARDCORE SYNERGY** party in its second year, come learn about the history of J-Core. Find out exactly what is considered J-Core, learn about doujin music, understand the release structure and find out more about this genre that is rapidly gaining in popularity amongst electronic music fans worldwide.

Nabeshin and Aoi Kidokoro

Time & Location: 2pm-3pm Rosemont C

Acen veterans certainly know Shinichi Wantanabe aka Nabeshin. He's back again, and he's brought manga artist and cosplayer Aoi Kidokoro along for the ride. Ask these two interesting characters, (literally) about their exploits and current works.

Animation on a Shoestring Budget

Time & Location: 2:30-3:30pm Rosemont A

Sure, you've got lots of ideas for a great anime, but what are the odds anyone in Japan is going to be interested, let alone willing to finance your own epic? Makoto Shinkai turned the animation industry on its head by producing *Voices Of A Distant Star* on his home computer, and you can do the same if you've got the drive and ideas. And believe it or not, there are actually a lot of free or low cost resources that can make that task a lot easier. Find out how products with strange names like Dogwaffle, Moho and Poser can help bring your ideas to life without breaking your fingers or your wallet!

Dubbing in Reverse: American Media in Japan

Time & Location: 4:30pm Rosemont B

Dubbing of foreign media is not only an American phenomenon as a number of foreign television shows and films are dubbed for Japanese audiences. Voice Actress Chiaki Takahashi will discuss the process of dubbing foreign media in Japan.

Voice of the Ladies: Female VAs

Time & Location: 4pm Signature (Doubletree)

Join our lovely ladies from the voice acting community as they discuss their experiences in voice acting, conventions.

Hero Creation

Time & Location: 4:30pm DaVinci

If you've ever wanted to create your own heroic character, be it for a story, a comic, a roleplaying game or just for fun, this panel is for you. The ins-and-outs of heroic traits will be discussed in a fun, interactive way. By the end of the panel, you'll have your very own hero and all the tools you need to make many, many more!

Adapting English Scripts for Dubbing: ADR Scriptwriting

Time & Location: 5pm, Rosemont C

"Hey! Why'd they change that?!" Come find out what it takes to adapt a translation into a script used for dubbing.

3 Panel Soul

Time & Location: 5pm-6pm United

Did you guys ardently follow Machall? If so come and listen to the creators, Ian McConville and Matt Boyd will discuss their current webcomic, 3 Panel Soul. Ask questions about their work or the webcomic process in general and have a great time.

M.O.V.E. Q&A

Time & Location: 5pm-6pm Signature (Doubletree)

Let me tell you, M.O.V.E. is too cool for school. Yuri and Motsu's songs are in *Initial D* and *Final Fantasy* among other things, they have 3 very successful albums out, they are too awesome to let themselves fall in any genre or style, and they are attractive. What more could you want from the super-nice idols? A Q&A session? You got it!

Learn Voice Overs With Lord Zedd

Time & Location: Saturday 5:30-6:30pm Rosemont B

Ever wanted to try your hand at voice acting? Robert Axelrod will introduce the ins and outs of voice work. Those brave enough to step up to the microphone will have the opportunity to try their hand at line reads and get instruction from a veteran of the field.

Villain Creation

Time & Location: 5:30pm DaVinci

Why should heroes have all the fun? Continuing a panel that began last year at ACen, Villain Creation helps you through the step-by-step process of villainous genesis, culminating with you making your very own dastardly do-badder. Last year, both sessions of Villain Creation were standing room only so show up early and be ready for evil!

Batman Strikers

Time & Location: 6pm-7pm Rosemont C

How do you continue the story of one of the most iconic comic heroes of all time? Join local artists Russel Lissau and Josh Elder as they discuss their work on Batman Strikes.

Industry versus Fansubbing

Time & Location: 6pm Signature (Doubletree)

Fansubbing has become one of the most important debates in the anime community in recent years. With many shows translated and distributed in high quality files within hours of their airing in Japan, companies both in the States and Japan have seen declining revenues even as anime's popularity continues to grow. This discussion will feature a discussion between both industry representatives and fansubbers about the ethics of the practice, how the role of fansubs has changed over the years, and what direction is to be expected in the future.

Creating Electronica (An Introduction to Ableton Live)

Time & Location: 6:30pm Rosemont B

Gaijin explains the basics on writing electronic/dance music using loops and synthesizers in Ableton Live. Free versions of the program will be given out to everyone attending. Panel sponsored by Ableton Live.

From Japan to America with Misako Rocks

Time & Location: 7pm Rosemont A

"Manga with a heavy dose of cute" has been used to describe the comics of Misako Rocks!. Featured in the New York Times and the Onion, join Misako as she talks about coming from Japan to America and her work in the comic industry as a successful comic writer living in the NYC.

Mark Hildreth - Meet and Greet

Time & Location: 7pm Rosemont C

Mark will discuss his career of voice acting, stage and television acting as well as his music career while taking questions from fans.

Yaoi Hentaipalooza

Time & Location: 9:30pm-11:30pm Rosemont B

Love Yaoi? If so, join Yaoi Press' Yamila Abraham for an evening of yaoi based fun and games. Guaranteed to fill any fan's desire for beautiful boys... as long as they remember to carry their ID.

sunday

Sunday Worship

Time & Location: 8:30am-9:30am Rosemont A

If Vic & Caitlin weren't here with us, they would be leading music in their churches. Join them for a time of reflection and inspiration... all are welcome.

Comics in the Library and Classroom

Time & Location: 9am Rosemont B

A seminar aimed at teachers, librarians and parents interested in using comics, manga and graphic novels to reach out to kids headed by comic artist Josh Elder.

Spoony Bards

Time & Location: 9am Rosemont C

The Spoony Bards are the performers at ACEN covering your favorite anime songs and American artists. They are an eclectic group of anime convention attendees and friends who perform at conventions across the nation, days at a time. Go ahead, ask them something.

Ins and Outs of ADR Writing

Location & Time: Sunday 9:30-10:30am Rosemont A

For those who are interested in how a script is adapted for ADR work, join Robert Axelrod and Colleen Clinkenbeard as they explain the various factors that go into writing the script that is performed in the vocal booth.

From Excel to The Wallflower, Nabeshin on anime comedy

Time & Location: 10am Rosemont B

How does the comedy translate from manga into anime for Japanese television? Do you want to know what a director does in the industry? Join famous director and seiyuu Shinichi Watanabe (Excel Saga, the Wallflower, Gravitation: Lyrics of Love) in a panel and learn where he gets his wacky suits among other things.

Anime BC (Before Cons)

Time & Location: 10am Rosemont C

Contrary to popular belief, anime fandom was thriving in the U.S. long before the internet and fansubs even existed. In fact, US anime fandom actually precedes the home computer! Find out how anime first crossed the ocean in those dark ages before digital, and how the base for all modern otakudom was set up by determined fans who, armed only with rocks and bits of sticks, fought off saber toothed tigers and dinosaurs as they carried their VCRs across the great oceans in rafts made of old Pocky boxes!

Vic Mignogna Q&A

Time & Location: 10am Signature (Doubletree)

This is your chance to spend some personal time, hang out and ask questions with Vic. This will be an hour full of laughs, stories and when it comes to Vic... ya just never know what to expect. Join him!

Mark Hildreth Concert and Q&A

Time & Location: 10:30am Rosemont A

Mark Hildreth is known for voicing Heero Yuy in Gundam Wing but did you know he is starting a career as a songwriter/singer? As an accomplished actor (The Tudors), voice actor (X-Men: Evolution, Dragonball Z) and now musical performer, come listen to Mark perform in concert as well as ask him about his various roles and transitions in the industry. Pick up copies of his album and get it signed afterwards.

Robotech


Time & Location: 11am Rosemont C

How did Steve Yun go from watching Macross and Robotech and hacking to having fansites dedicated to his fandom work after college? I don't know. But Steve, webmaster of Robotech.com and co-producer of works such as the Robotech: Invasion video game surely knows. He is a pretty nice guy too. So go to his panel.

Gold Digger

Time & Location: 12pm-1pm Rosemont C

Join guest Fred Perry as he discusses the work done in his comic Gold Digger, available through Antarctic Press.



art panel schedule

Copyright Basics

Location: Narita Time: Friday 12:30pm-2pm

How do you register for a copyright? What does the law say about fanfiction and fanart? Can I really sue somebody for infringement? Are the online threats I've been getting real? All these questions and more will be explored at Copyright Basics.

Rock What You Got: The New Artists' Guide to the Artist Alley

Location: Malpensa Time: Friday 7pm-8pm

First time in Artists' Alley? Wondering what you'll face as you step into the creative world? DC of Panda Rage Productions and Jhim of Jhim43.Com offer their insight on the challenges and treasures of being an original artist offering their work for the first time.

Turning Tricks in Photoshop for Fun and Profit

Location: DaVinci Time: Friday 8pm-9pm

Learn some basic short cuts and/or time savers in Adobe Photoshop from Yad Mui. Yad has been using and abusing Photoshop for over 11 years. Creating everything from comics to wonderful stand alone illustrations, Yad is formerly of Imbrium Studios and has even done work for Studio Iron Cat.

How Not to Starve as a Starving Artist

Location: Narita Time: Friday 10:30pm-12am

Back for a fourth year, How Not to Starve as a Starving Artist brings together experienced artist alley artists to give advice on being successful in the artist alley. Business oriented topics like budgets, selling, marketing and ethics will be covered.

Inking Workshop

Location: Malpensa Time: Saturday 9am-10am

The way of the pen. Gather experiences from Yad Mui formerly of Imbrium Studios on the trials and tribulations of producing book after book while learning along the way. Photocopied materials and pencils will be provided for practice. There is a small \$5 fee to cover materials as well.

How Manga Changed the World

Location: DaVinci Time: Saturday 10am-11am

A discussion on Mangaka, Industry's revolution and how Manga has become one of the most popular reading material in the world today.

Worth 100 Words, Scriptwriting for Comics

Location: Malpensa Time: Saturday 1:30pm-2:30pm

Aspiring comics writer? Part of a team? Artist looking to expand your skills? DC and Dustin of Panda Rage Productions share their experiences with the comics process of working from a script. The panel covers script format, basic tips for the new writer, and general advice.

Fanfiction Panel

Location: DaVinci Time: Saturday 3pm-4:30pm

Have you ever wished that you could write your own ending to your favorite anime? Maybe you want to take the characters in a direction the creators never considered. Perhaps writer's block is slowing you down. With a mix of old hands and new faces, we've got you covered.

How (Not) to Write a Lemon - 18+


Location: United A/B Time: Saturday 10pm-11:30pm

Want to write fantastic "adult" fanfiction? Come join us and learn the best ways to keep your readers interested and your fics fantastically hot. We'll cover all the mistakes many lemon writers make and have a good time doing it. More horrible euphemisms included!

Hardcore YAOI: yer doin' it WRONG! - 18+

Location: United A/B Time: Saturday 11:30pm-1:30am

So what's the difference between Shonen-Ai and Yaoi? This workshop will provide the do's and don'ts of this most popular idea of "boy love." Not for the faint of heart! Bring your pads and pencils, it's drawing time!



fashion & culture panel schedule

Intro to Lolita Fashion

Location: DaVinci Time: Friday 12:30pm-1:30pm

Introduction to Lolita Fashion, open discussion about the basic understanding of Lolita Fashion as well as the comparison of Lolita to other alternative fashions. Talk about the history and the future of Lolita Fashion in the US.

Broken Bloody and Bruised Cosplayers: sfx Makeup

Location: Gatwick Time: Friday 1pm-2pm

Want a realistic scar, burn, or open wound as a nice addition to your costume or even just for fun? Come learn about the materials needed and how to apply sfx makeup to get that desired look!

Paper Dolls: Lolita in Print!

Location: Gatwick Time: Friday 2pm-3pm

The word "Lolita" has been given new meaning! From Kamikaze Girls to the controversial classic novel, the Lolita has become a beautiful doll with an ever-changing face. Join a group of local Lolita in exploring the transitions of the word into magazines, manga, novels and more!

BJD 101

Location: DaVinci Time: Friday 2:30pm-3:30pm

What are those big dolls people are carrying around? How do you change the look of those things? How are those dolls held together? Where do the dolls come from? Come here to get answers! Demos and how to's covered in BJD 102!

Asian in America: Humour Us!

Location: Malpensa Time: Friday 3pm-5pm

Want to know how to ask that cute Asian girl out on a date without saying anything stupid? Want to know if "Arigato" is a proper response to the guy at the hibachi grill? The convention's Asian guests and friends will share their experiences of people's preconceived notions about Asians.

Feed your Fandom and Cosplay: A Beginner's Guide

Location: Malpensa Time: Friday 6pm-7pm

So you know how to hand sew and use a sewing machine. Now what? Have your questions answered by the seasoned cosplayers of RedStar Costumes! In this panel, you will learn tips and tricks for the construction of different parts of your costume. You will learn about patterns, as well as the construction of garments, props, and accessories. There will also be an overview of wig styling and shoe/boot covering.

Cosplay Photography

Location: Gatwick Time: Friday 7pm-8pm

Tips for both Photographers and Cosplayers. In strife to achieve greater results in cosplay photos but always find yourself in a bottleneck? My name is Shiroyin of www.cosplay-photo.com, a dedicated photographer with over two and a half years of experience. In this panel, I will share with you some highlights of my experiences, and present my derived insider tips. Please note that the contents are mostly inspirational and not technical, so no prior experience is required.

Posing in Cosplay: How to get better photos

Location: Gatwick Time: Friday 8:00pm-9:00pm

A panel dedicated to the never-ending problem of getting a decent photo of yourself at a con. You'll learn how to pose (both guys and girls and in-between) and what works and what doesn't for the camera. You'll learn how to work with a photographer during a photoshoot as opposed to a hall photo snapshot. We'll also discuss costume tips about shape, form, fabric and colour, and how to make them work for you.

How To Take Better Photos of Cosplayers

Location: Gatwick Time: Friday 9pm-10pm

A panel that covers everything you need to know (well, everything that will fit into an hour) about how to take better photos, whether at a con with a stranger or in your backyard with friends. We'll cover locations, lighting, composition, posing, and how to get the most out of what you have. This is not a gear specific panel, so everyone - from SLR users to Kodak Easyshares are welcome.

Why Hasn't This Anime Died Yet?! Panel

Location: Rosemont C Time: Saturday 8am-9am

Inuyasha, Naruto, Bleach, and many more. All were good anime until...they pulled an Energizer Bunny and kept going and going and...going. Granted, the point of gaining money is to exploit what you have, but dang, couldn't they have done it better? Get ready for some laughs because in this panel we will be having fun discussing some of the most strange plot additions in history, from filler episodes to the millions of Pokemon that have been added into the world! Get ready for the Why Hasn't This Anime Died Yet?! Panel!

No Budget, No Skills, No Problem! - The Art of the Found Object

Location: United A/B Time: Saturday 10am-11am

Found object costuming is often derided as "ghetto cosplay" - but it doesn't have to be bad! There's an art to costuming from the unexpected, and a good found object costume can be an art as complex as crafting a costume from scratch. Whether you're new to costuming or an experienced competitor, join "...And Sewing Is Half the Battle!" for truly fantastic costumes from your closet, your local second-hand store, or even your trash!

Oh! Flashing Lights - A Panel on Raver Etiquette

Location: Malpensa Time: Saturday 10am-11am

A Panel Covering the Do's and Don'ts for first timers to the Underground/SoapBubble covering important topics such as respecting others, different forms of music, a brief history of the Chicago rave scene, and basic rules that need to be followed such as keeping hydrated and other tidbits.

Growing up Lolita

Location: Gatwick Time: Saturday 11am-12pm

A panel not only about the fashion of Lolita, but also about the life style that one can choose to live. Clothes, BJD's (Ball Joint Dolls), cooking, and mannerisms are a few things to be touched on.

BJD 102

Location: DaVinci Time: Saturday 11am-1pm

Follow up to BJD 101. Your BJD flops? Can't get those eyes straight? Want those seam lines gone? Just want to see how this is done? Come here for small crash course in maintaining BJDs and meet with other owners.

No Budget, No Skills, No Problem! - Props for Costuming

Location: United A/B Time: Saturday 11am-12pm

Nothing defines a character like a signature weapon or a unique piece of jewelry. Don't let your amazing costume be brought down by a aluminum-foil-over-cardboard sword, when for just a few bucks you can make something that completes your look! Join "...And Sewing Is Half the Battle!" as we talk about how to make good props on the cheap, and how to make better props for a bit of investment. Topics include non-toxic methods of creating fantasy body armor and hall-safe swords as well as creating props to abide by convention rules.

No Budget, No Skills, No Problem! - Wigs for Costuming

Location: United A/B Time: Saturday 12pm-2pm

The best wigs look like real hair - even if they're impossibly colored or improbably spiky. But it can be hard to find the perfect wig for your fantasy costume, or to replicate that style which has never existed in real life. Your wig is too long, the wrong style, not curly enough, or the wrong color? Need to make that cheap nasty wig look better and last longer? "...And Sewing Is Half the Battle!" can help. Bring your questions!

Sew Loli: I Can't Believe It's Not BRAND!!!

Location: Malpensa Time: Saturday 12pm-1:30pm

A discussion for Lolita seamstresses.

No Budget, No Skills, No Problem! Intermediate & Competitive Cosplay

Location: United A/B Time: Saturday 2pm-3pm

Ready for more costuming? Ready to make yourself into something that can't exist in nature? Adapt a 2-D drawing into 3-D reality. We'll talk about overcoming the improbable physics of fantasy or manga illustration, the unreal physiques of anime and game design, and how to fool the eye so we don't have to diet or undergo physical alteration for our costuming fun. We'll focus on how details can make an average costume into an eye-catching one.

You Look Marvelous! - Make-up Design and Application for Cosplaying

Location: Malpensa Time: Saturday 2:30pm-3:30pm

Looking for ways to kick that costume idea up a notch? Looking to learn the basics of make-up for cosplaying? Come explore the world of make-up design with the Sisters Short from Panda Rage Productions, two experienced performers that will be discussing make-up styles, effects, designs, different products and tips of the trade to help you look your very best.

Pullips, Dals, Taeyangs, Oh My!

Location: Gatwick Time: Saturday 5pm-7pm

Ever wanted to know more about Pullip, Dal, and Taeyang Dolls? How they compare to other 1/6 scale dolls? Where to buy them? This panel will discuss all of that plus talk about the Pullip body types, customizing, and the history of the dolls. So bring your dolls if you have them.

The ACen Guys Present: Nobody Likes You (And Here's Why) Socializing at Cons (18+!)

Location: Rosemont C Time: Saturday 10:30pm-12pm

So you've just seen StripperVash or a real woman for the first time IRL and you'd like to know how to meet, greet and get to know them without being creepy? Well then come on down to spend an hour or six with the ACenGuys, and we'll learn ya real good on the finer points of convention etiquette and meeting people in the convention scene. Panel features witty commentary, sharp language, Venn-diagrams and exclamation points!

A Viewer's Guide to Asian Ball Jointed Dolls

Location: DaVinci Time: Sunday 9am-10:30am

Asian Ball Jointed Dolls have fans around the world, this panel is designed to introduce you into the growing popularity of these special type of dolls. This is also an opportunity to see both the different styles and types of Asian ball jointed dolls with their proud owners. From familiar anime characters to original One-of-a-Kind creations, there is a doll out there for every taste.

Lolita Fashion in China

Location: Narita Time: Sunday 9:30am-10:30am

A discussion on the growing Lolita infatuation in mainland China.

You Volunteered for WHAT? Staffing at an anime con

Location: DaVinci Time: Sunday 10:30am-11:30am

Discussion of the fun and tribulations of volunteering at an anime convention. Participants who volunteer at ACen or other events are welcome to join in a round-table discussion of stories, questions, answers, and some random craziness.

Decoden: How to Accessorize Your Accessories

Location: Malpensa Time: Sunday 11am-12pm

From fake nails to cell phones to laptops, nothing is safe from deco. Learn about the art of Decoden, which is short for Decorated Denwa (Telephone) as well as how to cover your own accessories with rhinestones, whipped cream, candy and more. We'll show you some fun videos and provide info to help you deco your accessories. Bring your own decorated items to share your tips and show off your work!

I Want to Start a Convention!

Location: DaVinci Time: Sunday 11:30am-12:30pm

Several officers and managers from anime conventions around the country will be available to answer questions, talk about their events, and talk about what to do / not to do when trying to get a convention going!

Why isn't Anime more Mainstream? Otaku VS Hollywood!

Location: DaVinci Time: Sunday 12:30pm-1:30pm

As Comic Book, Fantasy and Sci-Fi based properties rake in the cash & critical acclaim, why are adaptations of Anime & Video Games still lagging behind?

Let's Just Draw

Location: Malpensa Time: Sunday 2pm-3pm

Let's take an hour out of the con just to sit down and draw with our fellow artists.

educational panel schedule

Megumi

Location: DaVinci Time: Friday 4:30pm-5:30pm

A documentary about North Korean abductions of Japanese citizens. Question and Answer Discussion To follow.

How Not to Talk like a Thirteen Year Old Otaku Girl

Location: DaVinci A/B Time: Friday 11pm-1am

Know only 'kawaii', 'neko', or 'wai'? Want to start learning some Japanese language? This is a quick introduction to learning phrases in Japanese, asking where something is, and who they are, done using examples that YOU can relate to!

Japanese Mythology and Fairytales

Location: Malpensa Time: Saturday 8am-9am

How Japanese Mythology and Fairy tales is incorporated into anime and manga.

The Ongoing History of Anime

Location: DaVinci Time: Saturday 8:30am-10am

A brief discussion on how what we now consider Anime came about. Starting with the early pre-World War I works to current events and even a bit on what the future may hold.

Living and Teaching in Japan 09

Location: Narita Time: Saturday 9:30am-11am

Interested in living in Japan but don't know what to do once you get there? If you are looking at teaching in Japan, or just going there as an exchange student, then this panel will hopefully give pointers on living in a different culture and way of life. Helpful hints and experiences will be shared, though others who have also been to Japan are invited to relate their experiences.

Video Special Effects: The Basics

Location: Rosemont C Time: Saturday 11am-1pm

Learn how to use professional video editing programs to create awesome visual effects in your videos - both live action and anime - from an award-winning AMV editor! No previous experience required. Learn how the Hollywood pros do it, and you'll never watch or make movies the same way!

From the West to the East and Back Again: Japanese Pop Culture

Location: Narita Time: Saturday 1pm-2pm

Japan has been greatly influenced by the West in the development of its culture since the end of isolationism, particularly following WWII. These influences have had a profound impact on Japanese culture, particularly its popular culture. This discussion is meant to be an informative introduction to this phenomenon starting with the Meiji Restoration and continuing to the popularization of Japanese popular culture in the US today.

Time to Learn...Japanese!

Location: Narita Time: Sunday 8am-9am

This panel will cover some basics of Japanese. After all, a vast majority of anime does come from Japan! We will cover the Japanese alphabet, some survival Japanese and a history of the language. So, if you want to learn more Japanese then your common otaku, come on in!

Who Wants To Be A Voice Actor?

Location: Signature A/B Time: Sunday 12:30pm-1:30pm

Do you think you have what it takes to compete in the big, bad world of voice-acting? Here's your chance to find out! Bring your water bottles, green apples and pieces of cork to this all-inclusive "mini-workshop". Participate in a mock audition, receive constructive criticism and learn what it takes to not only obtain a voice-acting job but keep it too!

fan panel schedule

Osamu Tezuka

Location: Malpensa Time: Friday 11am-12pm

This panel is geared towards both newcomers and hardcore fans alike of Osamu Tezuka, "The God of Manga". We'll take a look at his humble beginnings in Takurazuka, to becoming an internationally renowned author and creative mastermind. He has passed on, but his legacy remains.

The Katekyo Hitman Reborn! Fan Panel

Location: DaVinci Time: Friday 11:30am-12:30pm

Welcome to the Reborn! fan panel. Here we will talk about our favorite baby mobster Reborn, and mob boss in training Tsuna. Lets not forget about the rest of the Vongola family though, we will be discussing them as well. So if you enjoy reading or watching Katekyo Hitman Reborn! and wish to discuss with other fans, this is the panel to be at!

Matsumoto

Location: Malpensa Time: Friday 12pm-1pm

This panel is for Leiji Matsumoto, and his eternal sagas. My name is Phantom F. Harlock. With sabers, space trains, violent young men with grudges, their mature teachers, rap-rock techno funk, and the hope of man a light year away, I can carry and talk of this panel.

Creating Anime Parody Dubs: Mixing Video, Audio, and More

Location: Rosemont C Time: Friday 12pm-1pm

Are you interested in creating Anime fan dubs like you see at Midnight Madness? In past years members of Magnum Opus Productions and Nasaki Nai Films have demonstrated techniques to capture source video and record voices and sound effects. This year we'll bring it all together. Join our parody editing technical panel where we'll discuss and demonstrate some of the techniques needed to mix together video, voice, music, and effects.

The Gundam Experience - Universal Century

Location: Rosemont B Time: Friday 12pm-2pm

The Gundam Experience has been a highly attended ACen Panel for the past 5 years. This year we are dividing the Panel in two to provide more time for Fan interaction and communication about one of anime's longest running Franchises. This Panel will focus on the Universal Century, from the series that started it all to our Modern day. Please join us for discussions, presentations and prizes.

Shoujo-ai: Girl Love Without the Sticky Mess - 16+

Location: United A/B Time: Friday 12:30pm-2pm

Do you like girls? How about girls that like girls? Then you've come to the right place! AWOL Panelists present to you a fun and fluff filled panel of girl love! Come on in and discuss anime and manga series that focus on girls and the girls they love.

ParaPara 1st Stage and ParaPara 2nd Stage

Location: United A/B Time: Friday 2pm-3pm

ParaPara is a dance style that can be found in nightclubs across Japan and the rest of the world. It is traditionally performed to Eurobeat music. In the past few years, Techpara has evolved and is performed to fast paced techno music. We will briefly discuss ParaPara, and then teach a regular ParaPara routine followed by a Techpara routine. Let's Dance!

Welcome to "The World" - All about .hack

Location: Narita Time: Friday 2pm-3pm

Come learn about .hack—an exciting meta-series of games, anime, manga, and novels set within the world of a futuristic online game. This massive epic will be explained from the ground up—beginners won't be lost, but even hardcore fans are guaranteed to learn a thing or two. We'll discuss the upcoming finale .hack//Link, and there will also be a trivia contest and fabulous prizes, so be sure not to miss out!

"Axis Powers Hetalia" Fan Panel

Location: Gatwick Time: Friday 4pm-5pm

Hetalia is a webcomic turned anime that has taken the animanga world by storm with its hilarious spin on history. The personified forms of countries interact in this gag series by Hidekaz Himaruya. If you're a fan of Hetalia and just can't get enough of Italy and his pasta or America and his cheeseburgers and heroics, then this is the panel for you. If you're unfamiliar with the series, come and find out about it!

The Mecha Fan Panel

Location: Narita Time: Friday 4pm-6pm

Welcome to the panel that will go into those big things we call Giant robots. This panel will go through a variety of robots, super and real variety. From the old such as Mazinger Z and Getter Robo, to the new like Tengen Toppa and Euerka 7. See how those of the past shaped those of the future. So if you enjoy giant robots then join us!

How Troublesome, that Naruto Fanpanel returns... yet again.

Location: United A/B Time: Friday 5:30pm-6:30pm

The Naruto Fanpanel returns to ACEN '09! Join your fellow fandom lovers in this panel and open forum about Naruto. There is much to discuss, like where is the series going, and what can we expect/predict from our favorite ninja series?

Great Panel Onizuka

Location: Rosemont A Time: Friday 6pm-7pm

This is a great panel about a great show about a great teacher, Eikichi Onizuka, age 22. If you also think he's great, you should come to our great panel, because that would be great! Included will be a great powerpoint and a great discussion for the greatness that is Great Teacher Onizuka!

Shibusen: A guide to the world of Soul Eater

Location: Narita Time: Friday 6pm-7:30pm

Welcome to the world of Soul Eater, where Meisters and their weapons work to achieve the goal of becoming a Death Scythe. In this panel you will get a look into the characters, Shibusen as a whole, and even the entire world the series is in. So if you are interested in learning about this amazing show come on in.

Detective Conan: 14 Years and Counting

Location: DaVinci Time: Friday 6:30pm-8pm

Over sixty manga volumes, over five-hundred episodes, thirteen movies and, no, 'Detective Conan' is still not complete yet. A simple story about a teen detective getting shrunk by a mysterious toxin transformed into a very complex story. If you want to learn more of this long but fascinating story, or see what happened past the US 'Case Closed' release, be prepared to enjoy this panel about one of Japan's most-watched and popular anime/manga series.

Big Sword Panel

Location: Rosemont B Time: Friday 7pm-8:30pm

Big Sword Panel is hosted by Big Sword, the comedy phenomenon that you never thought you'd enjoy. There will be some discussion and audience Q&A. There will also be games where you can win fantastic prizes. Potential topics include dating tips and post Anime depression.

One Piece: Brand New World

Location: Rosemont A Time: Friday 7pm-9pm

One Piece is one that many people can get into... quickly or slowly, old or young! The current 400+ episodes are filled with fun adventures that deserve discussion. Come join us to take on and tackle one of Japan's most popular shonen series of all time!

Shounen-ai Panel (18+)

Location: United A/B Time: Friday 8:30pm-9:30pm

Everyone loves that "boy love"! Here's a panel to meet other fanatics- sit back and relax, laugh, and share some stories in this panel. There are several topics of interest to discuss, as well as "competitions" and events.

Yaoi- From Top to Bottom - 18+

Location: United A/B Time: Friday 9:30pm-11:30pm

AWOL takes over this year to bring you all of your yaoi needs. We'll go over the history of the genre, challenge your knowledge with a few fun games and, of course, provide plenty of examples through media and art. Join us for two hours of discussion and a celebration of what makes yaoi great!

Sex, Death, and a Whole Lotta Crazy: The Films of Takashi Miike (18+)

Location: Malpensa Time: Friday 10pm-12am

Without a doubt the most infamous filmmaker to ever come out of Japan, Takashi Miike has been changing the face of cinema for nearly two decades by pushing the envelope and fearlessly confronting taboos with his excessive style. Shocking, extreme, depraved are just some of the words used to describe Miike's work. Discussion will cover the retrospect of Miike's 70+ films. No one under the age of 18 will be admitted.

Yuri: Doing it the Right Way - 18+!

Location: United A/B Time: Friday 11:30pm-1am

An 18+ overview of yuri, including a brief history, media clips and pictures, as well as a short discussion of different types of anime and manga that focus on shoujo-ai and yuri, along with some recommendations for some good materials, and a little extra bit of fun!

The Good Old Days

Location: Narita Time: Friday 12am-1am

This is a panel for long time otaku to reflect back on how good we got it now. Now there's bittorrent and dvds that have both english dub and subtitles. There's manga with artwork not flipped backwards. We're looking back to the days of over priced vhs and anime series on tv being completely rewritten and badly dubbed. We'll talk about the classic anime's of the 80's & 90's. When manga was in thin regular comic form. This is for us otaku who started on Voltron and Battle of the Planets!

Your Favorite Anime Sucks!

Location: Rosemont B Time: Friday 12-2am

All anime is crap, and you're an idiot for liking it. You name an anime that you think is awesome and we will tell you in no small detail why it is unsalvageably worthless. We're going to insult your anime, your face, your mom, your sister, and anything else you give us. Nothing is sacred, nothing is safe, and if you have no sense of humor you best not be creepin' around our back stair. Bring along because the burns you experience are going to be intense.

Keep Walking: A D.Gray-Man Fanpanel

Location: Narita Time: Saturday 8am-9:30am

Join us to discuss the popular anime/manga series D.Gray-Man! We'll have trivia, speculation, "ask the character," and more. Come find out more about the series or talk about your favorite

Anime-up: When Laughing is what you love

Location: Gatwick Time: Saturday 9am-10am

The world of Anime as described by the mind of a over-imaginative Beta-male! A comedy stand-up routine about the art form we all know and love. Includes stand-up routine as well as open Mic and audience participation to get your inner laugh on. Sense of humor required.

Inuyasha Fan Panel

Location: Rosemont C Time: Saturday 9am-10am

Follow us down the old Bone-Eater's well to feudal japan, where you'll meet everyone's favorite dog-eared hanyou. There will be a discussion on the series in general, including speculation with what's to come with the anime and the direction of the manga. We will also compare sub vs. dub, and anime vs. manga.

Ethics of Death Note

Location: Rosemont C Time: Saturday 10am-11am

Not everything can be explained in terms of black and white. This panel takes an in-depth look at the morals and driving forces of the characters from Death Note with a philosophical twist. Audience discussion and participation is encouraged.

Relationships in Anime

Location: Gatwick Time: Saturday 10am-11am

Unlike Cleopatra and Antony, Romeo and Juliet, or Bonnie and Clyde, anime goes beyond the stereotype of boy meets girl. Or, in some cases, boy meets boy, or girl meets girl. We explore the depths of relationships in this panel, from daddy issues, sister complexes, white knighting, and twins to pure rivals and enemies.

A Lolita Do's and Don'ts Panel

Location: Rosemont C Time: Saturday 1pm-2pm

Whether you are an experienced connoisseur of the Lolita fashion or a recent convert to the style, this panel will present easy quick fixes to complete your look. Included will be an overview of commonly accepted rules, followed by a comprehensive Q&A session.

Rumiko Takahashi - The Princess of Manga

Location: DaVinci Time: Saturday 1pm-2pm

From "Urusei Yatsura" to "Inuyasha," and everything in between! This fan panel is dedicated to the 'Princess of Manga,' Rumiko Takahashi and her many works spanning thirty years and just as many genres. Discussions will range from better known series, to obscure serials and shorts. Questions/discussion encouraged. All fans welcome, old and new. If you're only familiar with one or two of her works, come and learn more. There's something here for all of you!

Prince of Tennis Dream - Live Fan Panel

Location: Gatwick Time: Saturday 1pm-2pm

For fans of a series that's about more than just tennis! Anime! Musicals! Live action! Fanfiction! Music! Stop in and try some Inui juice(no alcohol involved!!) Cosplay for some photo ops! Discover the addiction that is Prince of Tennis!

Panelist Evil

Location: Pan 6/DaVinci Time: Saturday 1:30 - 2:30pm

Please come along with us as we will have a discussion on some of the most popular survival horror games out there (i.e. Resident Evil, Left 4 dead) During the presentation we will discuss how the genre has evolved over the years. Also during the panel we will discuss how to survive should a zombie outbreak ever occur. Hopefully should the time come where you are faced with your zombie foe, you will be armed with the knowledge to defeat it.

You Like Anime Racing? Get involved in real motorsports!

Location: Gatwick Time: Saturday 2pm-4pm

Speed Racer, Takumi Fujiwara, Keiichi Morisato, Taira Capeta, Richard Petty, Mario Andretti, John Force. What do all of these people share in common? Real life or anime, they are all people who have raced something with wheels and gotten involved with one of the biggest thrills in life, Racing. Find out in this panel how to get into motorsports at all levels and all forms of the sport. From Lawnmowers, drifting ,off road ,to NASCAR we will look at being involved from the driver, team owner, pit crew, counter workers, to everyone behind the scenes.

Avatar the Last Airbender: Beginning and Beyond

Location: Narita Time: Saturday 3pm-4pm

In this panel we will explore the award winning series through the eyes of the fandom. We hope to help strengthen the Avatar brand while promoting various official projects, fan inspired creations, and developing charity groups.

Ouran Host Club Returns

Location: Rosemont C Time: Saturday 3pm-5pm

The Ouran Host Club returns for another year at ACen! Come join your generous hosts (and manager) and spend some time with us. Our job is to make every con-goer happy!

Be Your True Mind - A Persona Panel

Location: Malpensa Time: Saturday 3:30pm-5pm

Are you a Persona user? Have you taken a trip to the Velvet Room? If so, this panel is for you! This panel explores Atlus' RPG series Persona, from its humble beginnings in Revelations Persona (Megami Ibunroku Persona in Japanese) to 2008's Persona 4.

The Gundam Experience - Alternate Universe

Location: Rosemont A Time: Saturday 3:30pm-5:30pm

The Gundam Experience has been a highly attended ACen Panel for the past 4 years. This year we are dividing the Panel in two to provide more time for Fan interaction and communication about this great franchise. This panel will focus on the Alternate Universe, The series that take place outside of the primary continuity and included some of Anime's most successful shows. Please join us for discussions, presentations and Prizes.

Lelouch Vi Britannia Superstar ~aka~ How Geass Stole Christmas

Location: Narita Time: Saturday 4pm-5pm

The masterminds behind Big Sword Panel sink their comedic talons into Code Geass. There will be discussion, participation, mysteries, revelations, questions, answers, games, and prizes. Your minds will be blown, so check them at the door for a more pleasurable experience.

Anthropomorphics!

Location: Malpensa Time: Saturday 5pm-6pm

This Panel will discuss the latest furry issues, concerns, and trends. Everyone is welcome to attend and audience participation will be appreciated, so don't be shy! Attendees must bring a sense of humor. If you're an artist and would like feedback on your works, then bring your sketchbook—we'll be having a show-and-tell for all at the end of the panel.

Calling all Hunters - A Hunter x Hunter fan Panel

Location: Narita Time: Saturday 5pm-6pm

Hunter x Hunter is an action-packed, fun-filled adventure. This panel is focused in delving into the world of Hunter x Hunter and it's characters. From the Hunter exam to it's participants. Do you have what it takes to be an official hunter?

Thee Bluebeard Show

Location: Rosemont A Time: Saturday 5:30pm-7pm

The most exciting, most thrilling and funniest late night talk show at ACen! Come watch interviews, performances and randomly chosen guests from the audience that try to answer question from THEE BLUEBEARD! It's an improv comedy talk show that only a pirate could bring you without all the repulsive "Arrrrgh!"s.

Son of M

Location: Malpensa Time: Saturday 6pm-7pm

You came last year for M. It is back and better than ever. No we won't tell you more. Just come.

Turnabout Anime Justice!

Location: Narita Time: Saturday 6pm-8pm

Based on the Phoenix Wright games, this panel brings the cases to life with some of your favorite anime characters! Volunteers are welcome to make these anime trials happen right before your eyes!

An English Major's Look at Evangelion

Location: DaVinci Time: Saturday 6:30pm-8pm

This panel is meant to provide a more in-depth and sophisticated exploration of Neon Genesis Evangelion. During this panel, major themes and symbols will be analyzed and discussed. A non-traditional approach will be taken to address concepts such as Yui as God and why everyone hates Shinji!

Otaku's Guide to Philosophy

Location: Gatwick Time: Saturday 7pm-8pm

What's a magatama, apart from letting you see lies in Phoenix Wright? Why are there bureaucracies in the underworlds of Yu Yu Hakusho, Yami no Matsuei, Bleach? Find out the many aspects of the philosophy in this panel.

A Moonie Reunion - A Sailor Moon Panel

Location: Malpensa Time: Saturday 7pm-9pm

Do you miss fighting evil by moonlight? Has it been too long since you won love by daylight? If so, join us for a trip down memory lane with Sailor Moon through Moonie Contests, YKYSamW, and much, much more. So strap on your meatballs, bring your oddest Sailor Moon item and book it to this panel.

Whose Line Is It Anime

Location: Rosemont B Time: Saturday 7:30pm-9:30pm

Based on the original ABC hit show, but with an anime twist! Show regulars Joseph Murphy and Nathan Beck are joined by the newlyweds Ben Murphy and Jessica Murphy to bring you improvised games like New Choice, Film Styles, Living Scenery, and the crowd favorite, Whose Line. Volunteers are a big part of the show, so if you show a fun personality you might just end up on stage with the rest of the crew. And you might just get some candy too!

Pokemon Anime Panel

Location: Gatwick Time: Saturday 9pm-10pm

This panel is about the anime we all grew up with, and why it's wrong, and why it is amazing. This panel will not cover the video game. Join us to discuss your favorite characters and Pokemon!

Worlds of imagination: Ghibli at a Glance

Location: Malpensa Time: Saturday 9pm-10pm

Known for works such as My Neighbor Totoro, Whisper of the Heart, Spirited Away, and many more, Miyazaki and Ghibli Studios in general are regarded as the Disney of Japan. Come see what fantastical worlds can be brought to life through ink and storytelling with an inclusive introductory look into all things Ghibli.

The Saturday Night Parody Panel.

Location: Rosemont A Time: Saturday 11pm-2am

Are you a fan of Midnight Madness? Don't you think one night of fan dub parodies is hardly enough? We couldn't agree more! Join our panel of fan dubbing historians and creators as we discuss this odd cultural phenomenon. Then it's on to the Midnight Madness overflow where we'll be showing fan dub favorites that couldn't make it into Friday night's lineup. Panelists: Gavv (Anime Hell/ Midnight Madness); Pochi and Vey (Nasaki Nai Films)

No! Stop! It Feels Good! - A Hentai Panel - 18+

Location: Rosemont B Time: Saturday 11:30pm-1am

Do those words sound familiar? Perhaps...very familiar? Maybe you'd like to see just how phrases like this play into some of the more... "interesting" works? Or, maybe you're a pervert who just likes hentai. However you swing (pun completely intended), we'd love to have you join us.

Berserk Manga Fanpanel (18+)

Location: DaVinci Time: Saturday 12am-1am

In this panel we will discuss character development and plots. There may be some spoilers for those who aren't up to date with the Japanese releases. There will also be a short discussion on how Ken Miura takes too many lengthy breaks from working on the series

Are YOU the Cancer that is Killing Your Fandom?

Location: DaVinci Time: Sunday 8am-9am

Will fansubbing, bootlegging, staff dr4m4, and general bad behavior wreck the Anime Fandom, just as it's coming into its' prime? Come to this panel to discuss the many sides of this issue.

Alfred Leebop - A Cowboy Bebop Fan Film Panel

Location: Malpensa Time: Sunday 9am-10am

Action! Adventure! A one hundred million dollar bounty! A Cowboy Bebop fan film! Set in the same universe with an all new cast of characters, this short film follows three bounty hunters brought together in pursuit of a common goal: Alfred Lee, infamous dealer of Bloody Eye. Brought to you by the makers of Final Fantasy (In Your Backyard), Quigley Films guarantees you a classy time. Q & A to follow screening!

Godzilla Kaiju Panel

Location: Malpensa Time: Sunday 10am-11am

Godzilla, Ghidorah, Mothra and all your other favorite city-destroying monsters all in one panel. Godzilla Kaiju Panel Returns for a fourth year. Join this discussion about Godzilla and various kaiju monsters and movies. Join us for the pop quiz and test your Godzilla knowledge against other fans!

SPOILER ALERT! - An anime ending panel

Location: Narita Time: Sunday 10:30am-12pm

A look back at the good, the bad, and the Big O of endings. In this panel we'll discuss the twists and turns that you never saw coming in all your favorite animes and mangas.

It's the End of the World as We Know It- An X/1999 and Tokyo Babylon Panel

Location: Narita Time: Sunday 12pm-1pm

Nothing says "Repent, the end is nigh" quite like feathers, broken glass, angsty CLAMP bishonen and a bucketful of sakura petals. Welcome to the "X/1999" panel, where all your questions about the anime and manga series will be answered.

The Ah!My Goddess Fan Panel

Location: Malpensa Time: Sunday 12pm-1pm

Please come and partake in the most divine fan panel at Acen! First Class Goddesses get front row seating as we discuss the classic Ah!My Goddess manga, tv series, OVAs, and movie once again! Share your cosplays and represent your favorite goddess from the heavenly pantheon as we celebrate just in time for the twentieth anniversary of the manga! Win once in a life time A!MG swag in our annual trivia contest and door raffle!

IT'S OVER 9000!! - A Dragonball Panel

Location: DaVinci Time: Sunday 1:30pm-2:30pm

We'll be discussing everything from Dragonball to DBZ: Evolution. There will be a cosplay contest and a trivia game with sweet prizes. So grab your bleepers and don't forget your energy fingers, we'll be having a grand ol' time.

game panel schedule

Zombie Survival 101- Resident Evil and Beyond?

Location: Rosemont B Time: Saturday 2-4:30pm

"When hell is full, the undead will walk the earth..." and with this panel you will be prepared for just such an occasion.. We will discuss Resident Evil, and many other types of zombie situations from various games, manga and comics. Need to know what to do when the zombies rise? Then attend this panel, your very survival may depend on it.

Anime Singled Out

Location: Rosemont C Time: Friday 1-2pm

Based on the hit show on MTV, this panel features 2 contestants answering questions from anime to video games. It's the job of the participants to guess their answers. Anyone from the audience can enter the game as participants making it a fun and social spectacle for everyone. In the end, 2 participants will be picked by the contestants and win prizes!

WoWaholics Anonymous: Relapse

Location : Rosemont A Time: Friday 1:30pm-2:30pm

Have you fallen victim the worlds most popular MMORPG? Join this follow-up session to last year's World of Warcraft panel! There'll be a comedic film on WoW Addiction, a short lecture, and then discussion with question and answer. Join the many other addicts that make up the World of Warcraft!

Learn To Play Go!

Location: Gatwick Time: Friday 3pm-4pm

The game of Go, as featured in Hikaru No Go, is the oldest board game in the world. Although the rules are quite simple, it is widely considered to be the most challenging board game there is. In this one-hour session you will learn to play Go. Everyone will play and receive a free 9x9 go set and rules booklet. Minutes to learn... a lifetime to master! Go is challenging, beautiful, and fun!

DDR: How To Go Pro

Location: Davinci Time: Friday 3:30-4:30pm

Ever play DDR but just found yourself never getting any better? Already pro but not sponsored yet? Ever wonder what shoes were comfortable, what food/drinks were the best to consume? Ran by international/national competitor and winner, Ryzen Xia, he will share his experiences and advice!

SNK Playmore – Discussion about SNK

Location: Rosemont B Time: Friday 4pm-5pm

31 years of your favorite arcade games! Join a discussion of games from SNK, the company that brought us the Neo-Geo arcade system, and games such as The King of Fighters, The Super Spy, Burning Fight, Art of Fighting (Ryuuko No Ken), Metal Slug, Samurai Shodown (Samurai Spirits) and Fatal Fury!

Hardcore Gaming 101: Touhou

Location: United Time: Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm

Today, Touhou has become a household name within the fan communities in both the East and the West, but many still don't know that it originally began as a videogame. Come and join some of the folks from Shrinemaiden.org for a quick history lesson about this extremely popular series.

RPGs Beyond Final Fantasy

Location: Rosemont B Time: Friday 8:30-10:30pm

The stories vary from epic war battles, to personal quests for glory. We are all familiar with the RPG genre of video games. But mention "Shin Megami Tensei" at your local Gamestop and you are likely to draw a blank stare. This is the discussion for all forms of RPG games, including hidden gems, new and upcoming games, and of course having a little fun at the expense of the cliches we all know and love. New gamers and veterans alike are welcome. For those cosplaying, be sure to wear your costumes as we are giving a prize to the best RPG costume.

Anime Trivia Trap

Location: United Time: Saturday 9am-10am

Here comes the fascinating world of anime trivia, where even a right answer can catch you in a trap! it's Anime Trivia Trap! The memorable 1984 Mark Goodson game show is back with an exciting anime twist. Join host Brent Rolland as two teams answer trivia questions to win cash and fabulous prizes!

Carpe DM - The Storyteller's Guide to Running Tabletop RPGs

Location: Narita Time: Saturday 11am-12pm

Calling all Gamemasters, Dungeon Masters, Storytellers, Narrators, Referees, and Everyone Else Who Winds Up Behind the Screen! Looking for ways to spice up and enhance your gaming sessions? Join storyteller and gamemaster DC from Panda Rage Productions, as he shares tips, tricks, insight, and anecdotes from over ten years of gaming on both sides of the screen.

108 Destinies: the Suikoden Panel

Location: Narita Time: Saturday 2-3pm

A fan panel discussing Konami's main RPG franchise spanning from 1995 to the most recent game in 2009. Discussions about the plots and characters from all the games, including the import only side games and the newly released Tierkreis. Grab a friend and join the motley crew of characters!

Smash Bros. Brawl: Advanced

Location: United Time: Saturday United 6pm-8pm

A Smash Bros. Brawl Panel that helps people learn more about the game. We'll discuss advanced techniques, frames, glitches, and mind games! Held by national competitor and winner, Ryzen Xia!

The FFXI Panel

Location: Rosemont A Time: Saturday 8pm-11pm

On our 4th year, the FFXI Panel is ACEN's mini fan festival for players of the MMORPG Final Fantasy XI. We've had everything from expansion announcements to raffles to music videos in the past, so who knows what will be in store for us this year? We'll never run out of things to discuss about the online Final Fantasy game! Join Catwho and many returning panelists for what is sure to be a crazy fun time.

Cliptomania 2.0 - Anime Scene It!

Location: Rosemont C Time: Saturday 8pm-9:30pm

Can you identify your favorite anime from a short scene? Contestants chosen from the audience will have a chance to win prizes by answering questions associated with clips from their favorite Anime and Manga!

Sailor Moon Sailor Squares - Sailor Moon Trivia

Location: Narita Time: Saturday 9pm-11pm

Come test your Sailor Moon knowledge in a very interactive Sailor Moon panel! There will be randomly selected contestants and prizes, and topics will cover the anime, manga, live action, musicals, dubs, character info, voice actors and production.

RPGs of the 90's! That most likely aren't Final Fantasy

Location: Narita Time: Saturday 12pm-1am

This panel will be a moderated open discussion with the topic being on various aspects of beloved Role-Playing Games that we grew up with between the years 1990 - 2000. While they will come up, our primary focus is to talk about all forms of RPGs by many niche publishers such as Capcom (at the time), Falcom and GameArts.

Games That Push Our Buttons - RPG Blunders

Location: Rosemont B Time: Sunday 12am-1am

Do you ever stumble across something in a video game that just didn't make any sense? Are you tired of seeing orphaned RPG characters, English-spouting fighters, and super-soldiers who can't sprint. Join your fellow gamers in a hilarious look at our favorite pastime.

music panel schedule

Chiptunes : 8-Bit Game Music and Production

Location: Narita Time: Friday 10:30am-12:30am

We'll discuss how people like Hip Tanaka composed songs for the original NES, and how groups today are bringing old school video game tracks back into clubs and parties throughout the world. We'll show you where to find the music and what techniques are being used, followed by a workshop on creating your own chip tracks! Bring your laptops to get loaded with free software, or play with some hand held hardware like Gameboys and PSPs.

Super All-Purpose Asian Music Panel

Location: United A/B Time: Friday 3:30pm-5:30pm

From enka to visual kei, trot to pop and everything in between... If you're a fan of Asian music, this panel isn't one to miss! We'll cover the popular artists and highlight our lesser known favorites, showing videos along the way.

The Tainted World of Jrock

Location: Rosemont B Time: Saturday 11am-12pm

Come and talk about some of your favorite Japanese rock bands and what makes them great, as well as learn about some bands that you've never heard of before.



Ghosts of ACen

Location: Pan 3/Rosemont C Time: Saturday 12-1:30 am

Back by request! Ghosts have been said to haunt places such as hotels. Join us in the dead of night for talk of the dearly departed. We will touch on ghosts in anime, as well as real-life experiences and how to tell actual evidence from doctored footage. Discussion is welcomed!

Cosplay Karaoke

Location: AUX Pan 1/Signature A/B Time: Saturday 10-2am

Tired of the same old Soap Bubble but not ready to hit the sack just yet? Well, what's more Japanese than good, old-fashioned karaoke fun? Whether you fancy yourself a karaoke pro or just want to see your favorite anime character belt out some cheesy love song, come join us! Cosplay optional but encouraged, however fun is a must! Additionally we're promoting a MAID CAFE at ACen '10!

So you think you can Podcast?

Location: Pan 7/Malpensa Time: Friday 5-6pm

Do you have an opinion that wants to be heard? Are you an anime or video game fanboy that's ready to broadcast their thoughts to the world? Join Rob Roberts of the popular independent video game podcast Orange Lounge Radio, a seven year veteran Internet broadcaster, for all the advice and tips you need to get your show started.

MAPS Meeting

Location: Pan 4/United A/B Time: Sunday 1-11:30am

Annual public meeting of the Midwest Animation Promotion Society, parent organization of Anime Central. All attendees are welcome to attend. Come join us!

ACen Feedback Meeting

Location: Pan 7/Malpensa Time: Sunday 1-2am

This is your time for your voice to be heard by the Anime Central staff! Come and voice your opinion on how you think the con was operated this year. We appreciate your comments and suggestions.

★ autographs

Friday

2:30-3:30pm—Tiffany Grant, Matt Greenfield

3:00-4:00pm—DJ Heavygrinder (EH Table)

3:30pm-4:00pm—Nabeshin

4:00-5:00pm—Rhea Silvan, Robert Axelrod (EH Table)

4:30-5:30pm—Mark Hildreth (EH Table)

5:00-6:30pm—Vic Mignogna (EH Table)

5:30-6:30pm—Chiaki, Colleen

Saturday

10:30-11:30am—Tiffany, Colleen, Caitlin

11:00-12:00pm—MOVE (EH Table)

11:30-12:30pm—Aoi, Nabeshin

12:30-1:30—Rhea Silvan (EH Table)

1:30-2:30pm—Chiaki (Regular Table), Axelrod (EH Table?)

2:30-3:30pm—Dj Heavygrinder (EH Table)

Sunday

11:30-12:30pm—Chiaki

12-1PM—The Slants (EH Table)

1:00-2:00pm—MOVE (EH Table)

12:30-2:30pm—Vic Mignogna (EH Table)

1:30-2:30pm—Rhea Silvan (EH Table), Axelrod (EH Table)

1:30-2:30pm—Tiffany, Colleen, Caitlin, Matt

★ asen kids

Some events are happening back to back on different sides of the room. In LAX A besides the scheduled events, the kids also have the option to do a craft while the scheduled activity is going on. While it appears that there is nothing going on in LAX B, there will be videos playing as well as a host of games to play.

Friday:

Time	LAX A	LAX B
10:00am-11:45am	Playing it Safe At Anime Central:	Free Play
1:30pm-3:00pm	Anime Bingo	Dance Dance Revolution
3:15pm-5:15pm	Storytime	Mario Kart Tournament
5:30pm-7:50pm	Anime PJ Party!!!	

Saturday:

Time	LAX A	LAX B
10:00am-11:30am	Storytime	Smash Brothers Tournament
12:00pm-1:30pm	Children's masquerade and costume contest	Uno CG Tournament
2:00pm-4:00pm	Runo Doll Project	Katamari Damacy Tournament
04:00pm-5:45pm	Anime Bingo	

Sunday

Time	LAX A	LAX B
10:00am-12:00pm	Runo Doll Project	Yu Gi Oh TCG Tournament
12:00pm-2:00pm	Anime Bingo	

video programming

Note: Showings are subject to change. Please consult the schedule posted by the video rooms for the most current information.

Shoujo (Seatac) Title Rating Lang.

Friday morning—Princesses

8:00am	Shamanic Princess	13+	
11:00am	Elf Princess Raine 1-2	12+	
12:00 pm	Detatoko Princess	13+	
01:30 pm	—Airout—		

Friday afternoon—Romance

02:00 pm	Peach Girl 1-3	PG	
03:15 pm	Fruits Basket 1-3	13+	
04:30 pm	His and Her Circumstances 1-3	13+	
05:45 pm	Emma 1-3	13+	
07:00 pm	—Airout—		C

Friday evening—Visually Novel

08:00 pm	Clannad 1-4	13+	
09:40 pm	Kanon 1-4	PG	DUB
011:20 pm	Air TV 1-4	14+	
1:00am	—Airout—		

Saturday overnight—Fluff

2:00am	Animation Runner Kuromi 1		
2:40am	Animation Runner Kuromi 2	13+	
3:25am	Pani Poni Dash! 1-2	PG	DUB
4:15am	Oh My Goddess!	13+	
5:45am	Magical Play	15+	
7:10am	—Airout—		

Saturday morning—Magical Girls

8:00am	Wedding Peach 1-3	13+	
9:15am	Princess Tutu 1-3	14+	DUB
10:30am	Nana 7 of 7 1-3	13+	
11:45am	Familiar of Zero 1-3	13+	
01:00 pm	—Airout—		

Saturday afternoon—Shoujo Ai

02:00 pm	Kashimashi 1-5	13+	
04:05 pm	Maria Watches Over Us 1-3	13+	
05:20 pm	Strawberry Panic 1-4	16+	
07:00 pm	—Airout—		

Saturday evening—The Maternal Instinct

08:00 pm	Kurau Phantom Memory 1-4	14+	
09:40 pm	Witchblade 1-4	13+	
011:20 pm	Fight! Iczer One	16+	
1:00am	—Airout—		

Sunday overnight—Drama

2:00am	Escaflowne 1-3	12+	
3:15am	Ceres: Celestial Legend 1-3	12+	
4:30am	Gunslinger Girl 1-3	13+	
5:45am	Rocket Girls 1-3	13+	
7:00am	—Airout—		

Sunday morning—Girl Power

8:00am	Shakugan no Shana 1-3	13+	
9:15am	The Third: The Girl with the Blue Eye 1-3	15+	
10:30am	Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya 1-3	13+	DUB
	(chronological)		
11:45am	Princess Resurrection 1-3	13+	
01:00 pm	—Airout—		

Sunday afternoon—Comedy

02:00 pm	School Rumble 1-4	13+	DUB
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Room shuts down at 3:40 pm

Shounen (John Wayne) Title Rating Lang.

Friday morning—Harem

9:00am	Negima! 1-4	13+	DUB
10:40am	Suzuka 1-4	13+	DUB
12:20 pm	Ah My Buddha 1-4	13+	
02:00 pm	—Airout—		

Friday afternoon

03:00 pm	Kenichi the Mightiest Disciple 1-3	13+	DUB
04:15 pm	Hunter X Hunter 1-3	16+	
05:30 pm	Buso Renkin 1-3	13+	
06:45 pm	Jyu-Oh-Sei 1-3	14+	
08:00 pm	—Airout—		

Friday evening—Darkly Cute

09:00 pm	Magical Witch Punie-Chan 1-4	13+	
010:00 pm	Bludgeoning Angel Dokuro-Chan 1-316+		
011:15 pm	Elfen Lied 1-3	MA	
12:30am	When They Cry 1-2		
1:20am	Shadowstar Narutaru 1-2	16+	
2:10am	—Airout—		

Saturday overnight—Macho Macho Men

3:00am	Berserk 1-4	16+	
4:40am	Fist of the North Star 1-4	13+	
6:20am	Baki the Grappler 1-4	13+	
8:00am	—Airout—		

Saturday morning—Unexpected Competition

9:00am	Hikaru no Go 1-3	13+	
10:15am	Ramen Fighter Miki 1-3	13+	
11:30am	Angelic Layer 1-3	13+	
12:45 pm	Battle Athletes Victory 1-3	12+	
02:00 pm	—Airout—		

Saturday afternoon—Everybody Wants to Rule the World

03:00 pm	Code Geass 1-4	13+	
04:40 pm	Death Note 1-4	16+	
06:20 pm	Gurren Lagann 1-4	13+	
08:00 pm	—Airout—		

Saturday evening

09:00 pm	Red Garden 1-3	14+	
010:15 pm	Darker than BLACK 1-3	16+	
011:30 pm	Claymore 1-3	16+	DUB
12:45am	Devil May Cry 1-3	MA	
2:00am	—Airout—		

Sunday overnight

3:00am	Ghost Slayers Ayashi 1-4	13+
4:40am	Aquarian Age 1-4	15+
6:20am	Midori Days 1-4	13+
8:00am	—Airout—	

Sunday morning—Shounen Favorites

9:00am	Naruto 1-3	13+	DUB
10:30am	Bleach 1-4	13+	
12:10 pm	D. Gray-man 1-5	14+	
02:15 pm	One Piece 1-3	14+	DUB

Room shuts down at 3:30 pm

Series (McCarran) Title Rating Lang.

Friday morning

10:00am	Iria (all)	13+	
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Friday afternoon

01:00 pm	Nerima Daikon Brothers 1-12	15+	DUB
06:00 pm	—Airout—		

Friday evening

07:00 pm	Nabeshin introduction		
08:00 pm	The Wallflower 1-13	14+	
1:30am	—Airout—		

Saturday overnight

2:30am	The Wallflower 14-26		
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Saturday morning-afternoon

8:00am	Reruns		
10:00am	—Airout—		
11:00am	Host Club Voice actor introduction: Vic Mignogna and Caitlin Glass		
12:00 pm	Host Club 1-10	14+	DUB
04:10 pm	—Airout—		

Saturday evening

05:00 pm	Host Club 1-20		DUB
09:10 pm	—Airout—		

Saturday night

01:00 pm	Baccano! 1-3	16+	DUB
01:15 pm	Welcome to the NHK 1-3	MA	
12:30am	Beck 1-3	MA	
1:45am	Kiba 1-3	16+	
3:00am	—Airout—		

Sunday overnight

4:00am	Excel Saga 1-12	13+	
9:00am	—Airout—		

Sunday morning

10:00am	Excel Saga 13-25		
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Room shuts down at 4 pm

Eye Candy (Lindbergh) Title Rating Lang.

Friday morning/afternoon—CGI Skillz

9:20am	Glass Fleet	PG	
11:00am	Gankutsuou 1-4	16+	
12:40 pm	Kakurenbo	13+	
01:05 pm	Blame!	13+	
01:45 pm	Divergence Eve: Misaki Chronicles 1-5	13+	
03:50 pm	—Airout—		

Friday evening—Costume Madness

05:00 pm	Story of Saiunkoku 1-3	13+	
06:15 pm	Otogi Zoushi 1-3	13+	
07:30 pm	Rozen Maiden 1-2	13+	
08:45 pm	Trinity Blood 1-3	13+	
010:00 pm	—Airout—		

Friday overnight—Vampires

011:00 pm	Vampire Princess Miyu OVAs 1-2	12+	
12:45am	Vampire Hunter D	12+	
2:05am	Vampire Hunter D Bloodlust	17+	ENG
3:25am	Moon Phase 1-2	PG	
4:15am	—Airout—		

Saturday morning—Choreography Classics

5:00am	Helsing Ultimate 1	16+	
5:50am	Ranma 1/2 1-3	13+	DUB
7:05am	Cowboy Bebop 1-5	12+	
9:10am	Idol Project	13+	
10:10am	—Airout—		

Saturday afternoon—Bishounen-a-rama

11:00am	Princess Princess 1-4	13+	
12:40 pm	Prince of Tennis 1-4	13+	
02:20 pm	Knight Hunters 1-4	13+	
04:00 pm	—Airout—		

Saturday evening—Shounen Ai

05:00 pm	Gravitation 1-3	13+	
06:15 pm	Sukisho 1-3	13+	
07:30 pm	Kyo Kara Maoh 1-3	13+	
08:45 pm	Tactics 1-3	13+	
010:00 pm	—Airout—		

Saturday overnight—More Shounen Ai

011:00 pm	I Shall Never Return	16+	
011:30 pm	Gakuen Heaven 1-3	16+	
12:45am	Eight Clouds Rising	13+	
1:45am	Mirage of Blaze 1-3	13+	
3:00am	Loveless 1-3	16+	
4:15am	—Airout—		

Sunday morning—Wings

5:00am	Angel Sanctuary	16+	
6:30am	Descendants of Darkness 1-2	13+	
7:20am	D.N.Angel 1-2	13+	
8:10am	Earthian 1-3	12+	
10:00am	—Airout—		

Sunday afternoon—History That Wasn't

11:00am	Mushishi 1-3	14+
12:15 pm	Moribito 1-2	14+
01:05 pm	Saiyuki Reload 1-2	16+
01:55 pm	Kaze no Yojimbo 1-3	16+
03:10 pm	Twelve Kingdoms 1-2	13+

Room shuts down at 4 pm

Misc 1 (Lambert) Title Rating Lang.

Friday morning			
9:00am	Ghost Hunt 1-5	14+	
11:05am	—Airout—		

Friday afternoon—RPGs

12:00 pm	Arc The Lad 1-3	15+
01:15 pm	Ragnarok the Animation 1-3	13+
02:30 pm	.hack//SIGN 1-3	13+
03:45 pm	Blue Dragon 1-3	All
05:00 pm	—Airout—	

Friday Prime Time—Premieres

06:00 pm	To be announced		
010:00 pm	Actress introduction: Chiaki Takahashi		
010:30 pm	Cosplay Complex	17+	
12:00:00	—Airout—		

Saturday overnight—Yaoi/softcore

Adults (18+) only—please have picture ID ready			
1:00am	Embracing Love: Cherished Spring		
2:00am	No Money		
3:00am	Step Up Love Story		
5:00am	—Airout—		

Saturday morning—CLamp

6:00am	Tokyo Babylon 1-2	13+
7:40am	Tsubasa 1-3	PG
8:55am	xxxHolic 1-3	13+
10:10am	Magic Knight Rayearth 1-2	13+
11:00am	—Airout—	

Saturday afternoon—Space: The Final Frontier

12:00 pm	Toward the Terra 1-3	13+
01:15 pm	Shingu 1-3	7+
02:30 pm	Str.A.In 1-4	13+
04:10 pm	Space Pirate Mto	13+
05:25 pm	—Airout—	

Saturday Prime Time—Premieres

06:00 pm	To be announced		
12:00 pm	—Airout—		

Sunday overnight—Yaoi/Softcore

Adults (18+) only—please have picture ID ready			
1:00am	Embracing Love: A Cicada in Winter 1-2		
2:00:00	Kiss in the Dark		
2:30am	Legend of the Blue Wolves		
3:15am	Sensitive Pornograph		
3:45am	Kekko Kamen		
5:15am	—Airout—		

Sunday morning—Children Are The Future

6:00am	Argentosoma 1-3	13+
7:15am	Fantastic Children 1-3	13+
8:30am	Figure 17 1-3	13+
9:45am	Kurogane Communications 1-3	13+
11:00am	—Airout—	

Sunday afternoon

12:00 pm	Lucky Star 1-3	13+
01:15 pm	Genshiken 1-3	13+
02:30 pm	Kujibiki Unbalance 1-3	13+

Room shuts down at 3:45 pm

Misc 2 (Sky Harbor) Title Rating Lang.

Friday morning

10:00am	Phoenix	13+
12:05 pm	—Airout—	

Friday afternoon—Samurai

01:00 pm	Ruroni Kenshin 28-31 (Saitou fight)	13+
02:40 pm	Samurai 7 1-3	13+
03:55 pm	Samurai Deeper Kyo 1-2	13+
04:45 pm	Peacemaker 1-3	15+
06:00 pm	—Airout—	

Friday Prime Time—Premieres

07:00 pm	To be announced		
12:00am	—Airout—		

Saturday overnight—Hentai

Adults (18+) only—please have picture ID ready			
1:00am	Sex Craft		
2:00am	Variable Geo Neo		
2:30am	Legend of the Pervert		
3:30am	Night When Evil Falls 1-2		
4:30am	Countdown Akira		
6:00am	—Airout—		

Saturday morning—Mecha

7:00am	Aquarion 1-2	14+	DUB
7:50am	Beast King Go-lion 1-3	13+	
9:05am	Neon Genesis Evangelion 1-2	13+	
9:55am	GaoGaiGar 1-3	13+	
11:10am	Giant Robo 1	13+	
12:00 pm	—Airout—		

Saturday afternoon—More Mecha

01:00 pm	Patlabor TV 1-3	13+	
02:15 pm	Mobile Suit Gundam: Char's Counterattack	13+	

04:25 pm	Gundam Wing 1-4	12+	DUB
06:05 pm	—Airout—		

Saturday Prime Time—Premieres

07:00 pm	To be announced		
12:00am	—Airout—		

Sunday overnight—Hentai

Adults (18+) only—please have picture ID ready		
1:00am	Sex Warrior Pudding	
2:30am	Hentai Express	
3:30am	Pure Mail	
4:30am	Can Can Bunny Extra: Lucky 7	
6:00am	—Airout—	

Sunday morning—Military

7:00am	Area 88 OVA 1-2	13+	
9:00am	Fullmetal Alchemist 1-4	13+	DUB
10:40am	Full Metal Panic! 1-3	13+	
11:55am	—Airout—		

Sunday afternoon

01:00 pm	Aria 1-4	13+
02:40 pm	Ah My Goddess! TV 1-2	13+

Room shuts down at 3:30 pm



Friday

10:00-12:00pm	AMV contest non-finalists
12:00-2:00pm	Anime Central 2009's Anime Music Video Contest
2:00pm	FreeplayAMVS
3:00pm	Awesomecore
4:00-6:00pm	How to CreateAMVS
6:00pm	FreeplayAMVS
7:00-9:00pm	Anime Central 2009's Anime Music Video Contest
9:00-11:00pm	AMV contest non-finalists

Saturday

12:00-2:00am	AMV Wars Hentai Edition
3:00-10:00am	Closed
10:00-12:00pm	AMV contest non-finalists
1:00-3:00pm	Anime Central 2009's AMV Contest
3:00pm	Koop and Atom's Top 10 Indie Vids
4:00pm	Staff Picks
5:00pm	Iron Editor Panel
6:00pm	Iron Editor Setup
7:00-11:00pm	Iron Editor
11:00pm	Stuff that makes you LOL

Sunday

12:00-1:00am	Stuff that makes you LOL
2:00-10:00am	closed
10:00-12:30pm	AMV contest non-finalists
12:30-2:00pm	FreeplayAMVS
3:00pm	AMV Contest Awards Show

12:30-2:30: Anime Central 2009's Anime Music Video Contest shown in Main Programming 1!

Awsomecore

This panel will show Outsider art videos Fashioned by strange minds. Abstruse creations. They are as obsteporous. As they are fluxus. This post-modern show ill-conceived by Oto, Kit,FC, and ZS.

AMV Contest Non-finalists

Anime Central receives more entries than we can show in a single contest. So in order to show off all the hard workamv creators put into their submissions, the ones that didn't make it into the contest are shown here.

Anime Central 2009's Anime Music Video Contest

It's that time of year again! Numerous creators spend hours upon hours making their videos to submit to the contest this year. Time to come and see all their hard work pay off as they compete for glorious prizes and illustrious bragging rights.

FreeplayAMVs

We play anything and everything, we take requests or just play what we feel like playing!

How to CreateAMVs

Want to make anAMV? Have a catchy tune that you think would match an anime series perfectly? Come to theAMV beginners panel and we'll show you the basics that will help you get started making your ownAMVs. Have the basics down ? Looking to improve your editing skills? Don't miss the advanced panel where we offer tips that will dramatically increase the quality of your music videos.

AMV Wars Hentai Edition

Looking for some late night entertainment? Come watch our HMV Creators duke it out in a battle to see which editor reigns supreme. All the while listen to commentary from our MC and panel of judges AND watch some awesome videos that will melt your eyes and rot your brain. Note: You must be 18 years of age and have a valid state ID to attend this event. Badges DO NOT COUNT!

Koop and Atom's Top Ten Indie Vids!

Koopiskeva and AtomX count down their top 10 videos that have somehow gone unnoticed or haven't received proper recognition (though they rarely stick to those rules and just play whatever they feel like). Stay until the end of the panel for a fun surprise!

Staff Picks

Just as it sounds, videos that our staffers have picked out or requested, watchAMVs that we thought rocked.

Iron Editor Pre-Game Panel

Come listen to some of the previous year'sAMV Iron Chefs and Challengers discuss what it was like for them to be under the gun. They'll offer a unique perspective to the event, something you don't want to miss.

Iron Editor

Two editors enter, one editor leaves... Shortly before the other. It's time again for the 6th installment of our popular Iron Chef Competition. During the festivities we'll have a game show hosted by everyone's favorite host Ashyukun! We'll be giving away prizes and showing loads of the most popular and memorable videos we have to offer! Watch and beamAZED as two creators make a video within the allotted time!

Stuff that makes you LOL!

Iron Editor over? Masquerade done? Feel like laughing? We've dug up some of the funniest videos we could find to show just to you.

So come on in, sit a spell, laugh till your sides hurt! Note: Some material may contain language and suggestive themes that may not be appropriate for all ages, parental guidance is suggested.

AMV Contest Awards Show

Once the dust has settled and all is calm, we present the videos that stood out the most to those few who rose above the rest. We'll be presenting awards for best Action, Comedy, Drama, Romance, Dance/Upbeat, Theme, Staff and Best of Show!

tabletop gaming

Please note: for all RPGA Event time slots. If a mustered party with a judge wishes to play a non-scheduled single slot module and space allows, we will work to accommodate them.

Friday

12:00 pm Munchkin Fu Tabletop Gaming

Game System: *Munchkin*

The Munchkins are back! Now the game is chop-socky Hong Kong action. The characters are Samurai, Ninja, Yakuza, and Monks. The foes are mooks, demons, and assorted bad guys from all the worst martial arts films you've ever seen. Collect treasures and learn new styles to build up your character's powers. Kill the monsters, take their stuff, and be the first one to 10th level! 2 Hours

12:00 pm One False Step Tabletop Gaming

Game System: *One False Step*

California:1849. Where the mayors of stupidly rich Gold Rush towns can squander the resources of their citizens on pretty much whatever they want. This month it's a race to the moon. 2 Hours

12:00 pm Munchkin Quest Tabletop Gaming

Game System: *Munchkin Quest*

Kill the monster, grab the treasure, stab your buddy. That's what it's all about. Now, Munchkin comes to the boardgame. 4 Hours

12:00 pm Go Demonstration Strategy Gaming

Game System: *GO*

Come visit the Go Society and test your skills or learn how to play. 7 Hours

1:00 pm Shades of the Zhentarim Part1 Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: *Living Forgotten Realms (SPEC1-1a)*

Zhentil Keep is a city with a storied history, even if most of the tale is not fit for innocent ears. A mission to find the wayward son of a wealthy merchant leads deep into the secrets, deceptions, and brutal power on which the dreaded Zhentarim built their ominous keep. A Living Forgotten Realms two-round special adventure set in the north section of Zhentil Keep for characters levels1-4. Part1/2 4 Hours

1:00 pm The Prospect Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: *Living Forgotten Realms (DALE1-1)*

The Fall of Stars is the most famous adventurers' club in Faerûn. Who can say no when offered membership in the Stellar Fellowship, for a mere errand? But of course, things are never that simple. A Living Forgotten Realms adventure set in the Dalelands for characters levels1-4. 4 Hours

1:00 pm Slivers of Eaelrann Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: *Living Forgotten Realms (LURU1-1)*

Luruar is a haven of peace and culture surrounded by howling wilderness studded with lost ruins, hidden temples, and the lairs of foul, vicious creatures. Things that are lost, however, do not always stay so and some things hidden refuse to remain in darkness. A Living Forgotten Realms adventure set in Luruar for characters levels1-4. 4 Hours

1:00 pm Everyone's Your Friend Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: *Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-00)*

Sometimes following up on a job really means following. You've been hired to track down an old acquaintance who's fled across the continent. BYOC! 4 Hours

1:00 pm Ready, Set, Gogh Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: *Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-01)*

By2070, life literally imitates art. Some people have a fetish for it and it's your job to see that it's delivered and still breathing. BYOC! 4 Hours

1:00 pm Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament Collectible Card Game

Game System: *Yu-Gi-Oh*

Come pit your Yu-Gi-Oh Skills against the rest of Acen in this Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament 4 Hours

1:00 pm Warhammer Open Play Miniatures Gaming

Game System: *Warhammer/Warhammer 40K*

Warhammer Open Play. Come pit your Warhammer Fantasy or Warhammer 40k armies against those brought by others.6 Hours

1:00 pm ADGNPSEF555 Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: *ADGNPSEF555*

Adventure? Excitement? A student craves not these things. Prepare for the most amazing thing in the history of the multiverse -Advanced Dimensional Green Ninja-Educational Preparatory Super-Elementary Fortress 555! Coming soon to networks near your dimension! Experience the best show that ever was, is, or shall be with classmates who are monster trainers, scientists, army brats, the Chosen One and more in an anime-themed cross-dimensional gradeschool. Dice, candy and crayons provided. TV Y7 rated. 2hrs

2:00 pm Zombie Ninja Pirate Demo Tabletop Gaming

Game System: *Zombie Ninja Pirates*

Zombie Ninja Pirates - Zombies, Ninjas, Pirates, and Mad Scientists are all cool. Try to become all four and get stuff to be even cooler. This is a demo of a new quick card game for2-6 players. 2 Hours

2:00 pm Killer Bunnies Tabletop Gaming

Game System: *Killer Bunnies*

Killer Bunnies & the Quest for the Magic Carrot is a fast paced, action filled card game, in which you must try to keep as many Bunnies alive as possible, while eliminating your opponents' Bunnies. 2 Hours

3:00 pm ADGNPSEF555 Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: *ADGNPSEF555*

2 hrs

3:00 pm Ninja Burger Tabletop Gaming

Game System: *Ninja Burger*

Ninja Burger pits you against your fellow trainees in a new Ninja Burger store. Learn the secrets of stealth, swordsmanship, and customer service as you deliver tasty burgers and fries to some very unusual places. Bring honor to your franchise and you will be promoted. 2 Hours

2:00 pm Jacob Marley Esquire Tabletop Gaming

Game System: *Jacob Marley Esquire*

To make the most points with the boss, you must lend his money to the most trustworthy clients, and stay away from the ones that will ruin you. If you're lucky, you'll even grow up to be as stingy and horrible as he is. 2 Hours

6:00 pm Dread: Dread City Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Dread
 When you wake up, your city is lifeless and destroyed—or is it? Can you find others, or will you die alone? Diceless, numberless horror, bring your steady hand. Players must cooperate to sustain a horrific atmosphere. 4hrs

6:00 pm Shades of the Zhentari Part2 Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (SPEC1-1b)
 Zhentil Keep is a city with a storied history, even if most of the tale is not fit for innocent ears. A mission to find the wayward son of a wealthy merchant leads deep into the secrets, deceptions, and brutal power on which the dreaded Zhentari built their ominous keep. A Living Forgotten Realms two-round special adventure set in the north section of Zhentil Keep for characters levels 1-4. Part 2/2 4 Hours

6:00 pm Many Hands Make Light Work Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (DRAG1-1)
 Westgate is a dangerous city at any time, but today it's about to live up to its name. Today, a band of pious Sisters have arrived in your precinct and they need a little help with renovations and ... removals. A Living Forgotten Realms adventure set in the Dragon Coast for character levels 1-4. 4 Hours

6:00 pm Blades for Daggerdale Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (DALE1-2)
 Regular attacks by creatures of the wild turn life in Daggerdale into a nightmare. So when mercenaries offer protection for a fee, does it matter that these were the old enemies of the past? A Living Forgotten Realms adventure set in the Dalelands for characters levels 4 - 7 4 Hours

6:00 pm Block War Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-02)
 What starts as a petty fight could degenerate to a full scale war. When things are turning sour, who said mediators had to be neutral? BYOC! 4 Hours

6:00 pm Everyone's Your Friend Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-00)
 4 Hours

6:00 pm SPANC Tabletop Gaming
Game System: SPANC
 Gather your crew of space pirate amazon ninja catgirls (aka SPANC), and embark on Capers to gather Loot and Toys, all illustrated by Phil Foglio! 2 Hours

6:00 pm Magic: The Gathering Standard Tournament Collectible Card Game
Game System: Magic: The Gathering
 Magic: The Gathering Standard format tournament 4 Hours

7:00 pm Collateral Damage Tabletop Gaming
Game System: Collateral Damage
 In Collateral Damage, you take the role of a gang boss trying to take over Neo Japan. You command a group of typical characters from romantic comedy anime. You can direct them to battle it out in a city, but watch out! Characters can fall in love, and may then ignore your orders and instead follow their love across the board, battling it out for their love's affection 4 Hours

7:00 pm Lord of the Fries Tabletop Gaming
Game System: Lord of the Fries
 Welcome to Friedey's, the Fast Food Restaurant of the Damned! 2 Hours

7:00 pm SPANC Tabletop Gaming
Game System: SPANC
 2 Hours

8:00 pm Vampire: The Eternal Struggle Tournament Collectible Card Game
Game System: Vampire: The Eternal Struggle
 Vampire: The Eternal Struggle™ (formerly Jyhad™) is an exciting trading card game of Gothic intrigue based on White Wolf's storytelling game Vampire: The Masquerade. 6 Hours

9:00 pm Chez Freak Tabletop Gaming
Game System: Chez Geek+
 Chez Geek is the game of apartment life. Will your roommates drive you crazy...or will you drive them crazy first? Mature Players Only 3 Hours

6:00 pm Munchkin Bites Tabletop Gaming
Game System: Munchkin
 The Munchkins are now vampires...and werewolves...and changelings. Bash through the haunted house and slay the monsters. The OTHER monsters. You can't slay your fellow munchkins, but you can curse them, send foes at them, and take their stuff. Of course. 2 Hours

10:00 pm Dread: Little White Birds Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Dread
 Inmates, doctors, and guards at Kensington Gardens Children's Asylum are visited by a mysterious young boy who begins playing cruel games with them. Will they be able to survive the boy's malicious mischief and find a way to stop him? Diceless, numberless horror, bring your steady hand. Players must cooperate to sustain a horrific atmosphere. 4hrs

Saturday
8:00 am Shades of the Zhentari Part1 Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (SPEC1-1a)
 4 Hours

8:00 am Nature's Wrath Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (MOON1-1)
 Faith in Chauntea runs strong amongst the Ffolk, and the village of Warlsbry is no exception. The village has fallen from favor and now the beasts of field and sea bring their wrath against the village. You must return the village to her good graces or it will not survive the coming winter. A Living Forgotten Realms adventure set in The Moonshae Isles for characters levels 1-4. 4 Hours

8:00 am The Sea Drake Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (MOON1-2)
 Valiant seafarers travel between the Moonshae Isles, bringing supplies and information to the many people. You have been hired as guard aboard the Sea Drake. The weather is rainy and the fog is thick. It's a perfect time to sail the seas of the Moonshaes. A Living Forgotten Realms adventure set in The Moonshae Isles for characters levels 4-7. 4 Hours

8:00 am MonkeyWrench Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-04)
 A little milk run like this should be no problem. Though, it sounds like you don't get much time. Non-lethal rounds and no legal complications makes these security consultant" gigs the best in the Big Apple. BYOC! 4 Hours

8:00 am In and Out Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-05)
 A stool pigeon is ready to name names. Mr. Johnson wants to make sure they're the right names. He needs you to break into the NYPD Inc. holding facility and deliver a message. BYOC! 4 Hours

9:00 am Go Demonstration Strategy Gaming
Game System: GO
 7 Hours

10:00 am Magic: TG Booster Draft Tournament Collectible Card Game
Game System: Magic: The Gathering
 Magic: The Gathering Booster Draft. Anime Central is once again proud to host the largest recurring Booster Draft of Magic: The Gathering in North America. Build your deck from a pool of cards and see how far you can go. This event is free to those who wish to participate until all of the seats are filled. 8 Hours

10:00 am Warhammer 40K Tournament Miniatures Gaming
Game System: Warhammer 40K
 Pit your Warhammer 40,000 armies against the rest. This is a 1750 pt tournament 8 Hours

10:00 am Classic Battletech: Mega War Miniatures Gaming
Game System: Classic Battletech
 "It is the year 3067. The Capellan Confederation is beset on all sides by ancient enemies. On the planet Gan Singh, forces from the Federated Suns and Free Worlds League collide in a race to conquer the planet first. Will you take the side of the more democratic Free Worlds League or the powerful and prestigious Federated Suns?" This is an ongoing all day event. Not required to be there at the beginning to play. Come in as reinforcements to one side or the other throughout the event. 8 Hours

10:00 am ADGNPSEF555 Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: ADGNPSEF555
 2 hrs

12:00 pm Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament Collectible Card Game
Game System: Yu-Gi-Oh
 Come pit your Yu-Gi-Oh Skills against the rest of Acen in this Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament 4 Hours

12:00 pm Kingdom Hearts Tournament Collectible Card Game
Game System: Kingdom Hearts
 Kingdom Hearts is a Japanese trading card game based on the the video game Kingdom Hearts. 4 Hours

1:00 pm Shades of the Zhentarim Part2 Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (SPEC1-1b)
 4 Hours

1:00 pm The Prospect Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (DALE1-1)
 4 Hours

1:00 pm The Sea Drake Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (MOON1-2)
 4 Hours

1:00 pm Block War Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-02)
 4 Hours

1:00 pm Burning Bridges Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-03)
 The voice on the other end of the comm sounds desperate. The kind that pays well. Then he asked, "How much do you know about demolitions?" BYOC! 4 Hours

1:00 pm Munchkin Cthulhu House Rules Tabletop Gaming
Game System: Munchkin Cthulhu
 Munchkins have hacked their way through dungeons, kung fu temples, starships, haunted houses, and super-foes. Now they face their greatest challenge - Cthulhu! Will they survive? Will they retain their sanity? Will they...level up? BRING PROPS 4 Hours

1:00 pm ADGNPSEF555 Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: ADGNPSEF555
 2 hrs

2:00 pm Collateral Damage Demo Tabletop Gaming
Game System: Collateral Damage
 2 Hours

2:00 pm Killer Bunnies Tabletop Gaming
Game System: Killer Bunnies
 2 Hours

3:00 pm ADGNPSEF555 Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: ADGNPSEF555
 2 hrs

4:00 pm Get Out Tabletop Gaming
Game System: Get Out
 Players compete for jobs and apartments as they try to move out of their parents' homes. 2 Hours

6:00 pm Alone Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms
 Impiltur is not a safe country for those who are alone. When a young woman's father dies, can you resist her cry for help? A Living Forgotten Realms adventure set in Impiltur for characters levels 1-4. 4 Hours

6:00 pm Alana's Night of Madness Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Paranoia
 All hail the computer, the computer is your friend. Enjoy a Star Wars Themed Paranoia Adventure 4 Hours

6:00 pm Toon: SPANC and the Bunny Girls of Doom Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Toon
 Toon is the Cartoon Roleplaying Game. Play out the zaniest adventures you can imagine...but even if you get blown up with dynamite or squashed under a steamroller, nobody ever dies. Great for parents with children, or for childish adults! 4 Hours

6:00 pm Many Hands Make Light Work Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (DRAG1-1)
 4 Hours

6:00 pm Master and Servant Roleplaying Gaming
Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (DALE1-3)
 A man of importance has disappeared in hostile territory, and may have been captured. Returning him to safety might not be easy as the path leads to depraved Scardale. Sometimes things are exactly as they seem. A Living Forgotten Realms adventure set in the Dalelands for characters levels 7-10. This adventure is part of the Conspiracy of Ravens quest that started in DALE1-1. 4 Hours

6:00 pm **Everyone's Your Friend** **Roleplaying Gaming**

Game System: Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-00)

4 Hours

6:00 pm **Block War** **Roleplaying Gaming**

Game System: Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-02)

What starts as a petty fight could degenerate to a full scale war. When things are turning sour, who said mediators had to be neutral? BYOC! 4 Hours

6:00pm **Dread:Beneath Strange Stars** **Roleplaying Gaming**

Game System: Dread

The stars have aligned; the gates have opened; and the dead have risen. As some of the few survivors, you have heard rumors of a town called Hope. Perilous days and sleepless nights await. Diceless, numberless horror, bring your steady hand. Players must cooperate to sustain a horrific atmosphere. 4hrs

7:00 pm **Collateral Damage** **Tabletop Gaming**

Game System: Collateral Damage

4 Hours

7:00 pm **The Big Idea Semi Deluxe Edition** **Tabletop Gaming**

Game System: The Big Idea

The Big Idea is a hilarious game of inventing and investing, where players try to market wacky products like Erotic Chowder and Mentholated Shampoo. 2 Hours

8:00 pm **Naruto Tournament** **Collectible Card Game**

Game System: Naruto

Collectible Card Game based on the hit Anime 4 Hours

9:00 pm **Magic: The Gathering Legacy Tournament** **Collectible Card Game**

Game System: Magic: The Gathering

Magic: The Gathering Legacy format tournament 4 Hours

10:00 am **Warhammer Fantasy Tournament** **Miniatures Gaming**

Game System: Warhammer Fantasy

Pit your Warhammer Fantasy armies against the rest. This is a 500 pt tournament. This is a 2250 Pt Tournament 8 Hours

12:00 pm **Frag** **Tabletop Gaming**

Game System: Frag

Frag is a computer game without a computer. It's a "first-person shooter" on a tabletop; up to six can play. Move your fighter and frag your foes; draw cards for weapons, armor, and gadgets; move through the blood spatters to restore your own health! If you die, you respawn and come back shooting! 3 Hours

10:00 am **Chez Geek** **Tabletop Gaming**

Game System: Chez Geek

Chez Geek is the game of apartment life. Will your roommates drive you crazy...or will you drive them crazy first? Illustrated by John Kovalic, this won the Origins Award for Best Traditional Card Game in 2000. 2 Hours

6:00 pm **Munchkin Blender** **Tabletop Gaming**

Game System: Munchkin

Munchkin Blender combines multiple editions of Munchkin into a Munchkinny goodness combined gameset. 4 Hours

10:00 pm **Dread:13** **Roleplaying Gaming**

Game System: Dread

The sleepover was to be the greatest moment of your childhood, until the whimpering woke you up. Is this even the right house? If you survive the terrors of childhood, will you ever be the same? Diceless, numberless horror, bring your steady hand. Players must cooperate to sustain a horrific atmosphere. 4hrs

Sunday

8:00 am **Zhent's Ancient Shadows Part1** **Roleplaying Gaming**

Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (SPEC1-2a)

Rumors of an ancient artifact, sacred to Shar, have proven all too true. The church of Amaunator has assembled an expedition to return to Zhentil Keep, enter the dangerous twilight-shrouded southern ruins, and destroy the artifact before it can return to its dark mistress. Will you join the followers of the Light on their quest to purge the Shadow? This is a two-round continuous-play Living Forgotten Realms Core Special adventure set in Zhentil Keep for characters levels 7-10. It is recommended, but not required, that characters play SPEC1-1 Shades of the Zhentarim before playing this adventure. Part1/2 4 Hours

8:00 am **These Hallowed Halls** **Roleplaying Gaming**

Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (EAST1-1)

The Crafty Kobold Salvage Company has fearlessly plumbed forgotten treasures from the depths of the earth for many years. Now the owner's son and his expedition have gone missing and he needs adventurers of uncommon mettle to brave the dangers of the Underdark, find the lost explorers, and perhaps even unlock the ancient secrets of Lodestone Deep. A Living Forgotten Realms adventure set in the East Rift for characters levels1-4. 4 Hours

8:00 am **The Prospect** **Roleplaying Gaming**

Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (DALE1-1)

4 Hours

8:00 am **Shades of the Zhentarim Part1** **Roleplaying Gaming**

Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (SPEC1-1)a

4 Hours

10:00 am **ADGNEPSEF555** **Roleplaying Gaming**

Game System: ADGNEPSEF555

2 hrs

10:00 am **Munchkin Booty** **Tabletop Gaming**

Game System: Munchkin

Munchkin Booty brings the greatest gold-grabbers in history - pirates! - to the world of Munchkin. Use your Silver Long Johns to beat the Lobster Mobster, drink your Demon Rum to fight off the Viking Kittens, and defend yourself with the Cutlass (or Cutlad, for the gents) against the Prince of Whales. But watch out for Sharks! 2 Hours

10:00 am **Warhammer 40K in a Flash** **Miniatures Gaming**

Game System: Warhammer 40K

Small Scale Warhammer 40K Battle 400 pt Armies 5 Hours

10:00 am **Warhammer Fantasy Warbands** **Miniatures Gaming**

Game System: Warhammer Fantasy

Small Scale escalating Warhammer Fantasy Battle. 400 to600 pt Armies. 5 Hours

11:00 am **Classic Battletech: Grinder** **Miniatures Gaming**

Game System: Classic Battletech

Classic Battletech Grinder. This is a demonstration of Classic Battletech. 5 Hours

12:00 pm **Ninja Burger** **Tabletop Gaming**

Game System: Ninja Burger

2 Hours

1:00 pm Zhent's Ancient Shadows Part2 Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (SPEC1-2b)

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1:00 pm Shades of the Zhentarim Part2 Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (SPEC1-1b)

4 Hours

1:00 pm Nature's Wrath Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (DALE1-1)

4 Hours

1:00 pm The Thin Grey Line Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: Living Forgotten Realms (DRAG1-2)

Shady people making even shadier deals are commonplace in the docks district of Westgate. Locals have learnt that siding with the lesser of many evils is the only way to scratch out a living, but when a new chief sergeant upsets the delicate balance of power, the fallout threatens to affect the entire docks district. A Living Forgotten Realms adventure set in the Dragon Coast for characters levels 4-7. 4 Hours

1:00 pm Ready, Set, Gogh Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-01)

4 Hours

1:00 pm MonkeyWrench Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: Shadowrun Missions (SRM03-04)

4 Hours

1:00 pm Biting Off Hedz Tabletop Gaming

Game System: Biting Off Hedz

You've been dominating the earth for longer than you can remember. Of course, with a brain the size of a walnut, you've also been standing there for longer than you can remember. 2 Hours

1:00 pm ADGNPSEF555 Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: ADGNPSEF555

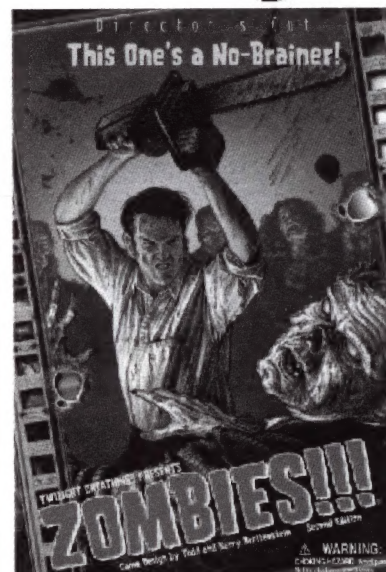
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3:00 pm ADGNPSEF555 Roleplaying Gaming

Game System: ADGNPSEF555

2 hrs

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